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Yemen battles rage on

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SANAA, Yemen — The Yemeni government pounded a major coastal city Monday with airstrikes to dislodge Islamic militants and, to the west, smashed the country's largest anti-government demonstration in overnight clashes that killed at least 20 protesters, according to witnesses reached by phone. In Zinjibar, along the country's southern coast, residents said warplanes attacked militant positions with repeated bombing runs beginning early Monday afternoon, a day after Islamists of uncertain affiliation took control, seizing banks and a central government compound. The compound was hit in the airstrikes and also shelled by the army, witnesses said. It is unclear how many people have died in the Zinjibar fighting, which began Friday. The city has few medical services left, and no electricity or water, people there say. Hundreds have fled; others have taken refuge in mosques, residents said. In the city of Taiz, west of Zinjibar, security forces and plainclothes gunmen swept through a main square, driving out the thousands of protesters seeking the ouster of President Ali Abdullah Saleh. Witnesses said security forces descended from three directions in a thick cloud of tear gas late Sunday afternoon, and that the clashes continued until after midnight with security forces firing water cannons and setting the protesters' tents ablaze with Molotov cocktails.

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Libya peace talks break down



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Libya's Prime Minister Baghdadi Mahmudi, front right, welcomes South African President Jacob Zuma, front left, upon his arrival in Tripoli, Libya, Monday, May 30, 2011. Zuma arrived in Libya on Monday in an attempt to bring a diplomatic end to the crisis in the country. (AP Photo/Xinhua, Hamza Turkia)

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TRIPOLI, Libya — Talks between President Jacob Zuma of South Africa and Moammar Gadhafi ended Monday with no sign of the breakthrough Libyan officials had said they hoped for. The outcome appeared to leave the Tripoli government and its rebel foes still mired in the stalemate that has settled over the conflict and NATO with the prospect of an extended campaign of airstrikes in its bid to topple the Libyan leader. Zuma, at the end of a six-hour mission to the Libyan capital, listed Gadhafi's conditions for peace, which included an immediate cease-fire followed by talks with the rebels. But there was no sign that the Libyan ruler had made any concession on the issue at the center of the stalemate in the conflict, his rejection of demands that he abandon power and seek exile outside Libya. The demand for Gadhafi to quit has been set by rebel leaders in eastern Libya and backed by the NATO countries leading the 10-week-old campaign of airstrikes against the Gadhafi government. Last week, Russia, long considered a Gadhafi ally, joined those calling for Gadhafi to leave the country. But the Libyan leader, despite a succession of heavy bombing strikes on his command compound in Tripoli in the past month, has held fast to his vow to hang on to power. The failure of Monday's talks, the first major diplomatic mission to Tripoli since a previous Zuma-led visit in early April, was underlined by the Gadhafi government's silence in the hours after Zuma left. The South African leader, however, spoke to reporters from the state-run broadcasting networks of South Africa and Libya before he boarded a South African military aircraft for the flight home.

Fallen remembered

JON GAMBRELL

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)

— U.S. troops fighting in Afghanistan paused Monday to remember the fallen in Memorial Day services, as a war nearly a decade old trudges on. Some prayed and held flag-raising ceremonies at dawn to recognize the more than 1,400 killed in combat here since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks that triggered the war.

"We reflect on those who have gone before us. We reflect on their service and their sacrifice on behalf of our great nation," said Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Crapotta, who commands a Marine division in Afghanistan's southern Helmand province.



President Barack Obama places a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns during a Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery Monday, May 30, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

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Memorial Day comes as troops fight in Afghanistan

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"We should also remember those serving today who embody that same commitment of service and sacrifice.

They are committed to something greater than themselves and they muster the physical and moral courage to accomplish extraordinary feats in battle."

In Iraq, an estimated 46,000 U.S. troops remain stationed there though officials say combat operations are over in a nation that saw more than 4,400 American troops die in combat.

Under an agreement between Washington and Baghdad, the troops still in Iraq must leave by Dec. 31.

Black Hawk helicopters churned through the night sky Sunday as a strong wind coming over Kabul's surrounding mountains blew against the flickering candles that cast an



Patrick Hool walks through the Oregon Trail Veterans Cemetery during Memorial Day observances on Monday, May 30, 2011, in Evansville, Wyo. Americans from Washington to California marked Memorial Day with parades, barbecues and somber moments of reflection.

(AP Photo/Casper Star-Tribune, Dan Cepeda)

orange glow on those gathered for a remembrance ceremony at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' headquarters.

Earlier in the day, those working there enjoyed one of their

five days off a year from building police stations, dams and other projects in a nation torn by decades of war. Col. Thomas Magness, 47, of Los

Angeles, California urged the

more than 100 corps employees and U.S. troops gathered there to remember the meaning of Memorial Day — advice that could carry home to America. □

Former Pakistani commando arrested in sweep for suspects

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — A former Pakistan Navy commando has been arrested in a sweep by Pakistani intelligence agents in connection with the audacious attack last week on the naval base in the southern port city of Karachi, that apparently was planned with inside information about the facility, security officials said Monday.

The former commando, Kamran Malik, was detained Friday along with his brother.

The arrests, which have not been officially announced, reflected suspicions that the attackers had access to knowledge about the naval base that could only have been obtained from within the base itself. The May 21 assault, which lasted 16 hours, left at least 10 security officers dead and destroyed two U.S.-made aircraft.

Pakistani news accounts reported that Malik had been court-martialed 10 years ago on charges that he had assaulted a senior colleague, and that his telephone had been tapped in 2008 after an attack on a naval academy in Lahore.

It was unclear precisely how Malik could have helped the naval-base attackers, who numbered at least four. But Pakistani officials have said the attackers could not have succeeded without advance knowledge.

"It is clear that somebody provided them with help," the interior minister, Rehman Malik, who is not related to the former commando, said Sunday when he visited Lahore to console the family of a Naval officer killed in the attack on the naval base.

The attack was an embarrassment to the Pakistani armed forces and intelligence services, who are still reeling from the May 2 killing of Osama bin Laden by U.S. commandos who raided a compound in the city of Abbottabad, about 75 miles from the capital. □

No sign of a breakthrough after talks with Gadhafi



A mother rests with her children in front of graffiti depicting Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, left, and Cuban-Argetinean revolutionary hero Ernesto Che Guevara in Benghazi, Libya, Monday, May 30, 2011.

(AP Photo/Rodrigo Abd)

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He said Gadhafi had insisted that "all Libyans be given a chance to talk among themselves" about the country's future, a formulation the government has repeatedly used to reject the possibility of Gadhafi's going into exile.

Zuma said Gadhafi was ready to accept the so-called African roadmap for peace, a plan first advanced during the earlier Zuma trip. The plan calls for

an immediate cease-fire, including a halt to NATO bombing, international supervision of the truce and negotiations between Tripoli and the rebels on a political settlement. Gadhafi accepted that plan in April but quickly ignored it and resumed his offensive against the rebels.

The rebel leaders rejected it outright, as they did again on Monday. "It is only some stuff that Gadhafi wants to announce to stay in power," the

rebel foreign minister, Fathi Baja, told reporters in the rebel stronghold of Benghazi.

The Zuma visit was widely trumpeted in advance by officials in Tripoli, who have come to see the African Union as a last bastion of diplomatic support.

For decades, Gadhafi has sought to reach out across barriers of culture, faith and geography to promote solidarity between the continent's Arab and African peoples and

to present himself, as posters around Tripoli proclaim him, as the "king of kings" among African leaders. But Zuma's departure appeared to leave the Tripoli government in an increasingly tenuous and isolated position. Beyond the NATO bombing and rebel advances in the east, Gadhafi has faced a growing erosion of his power base in Tripoli, with an acceleration of defections from his ruling elite. The erosion gathered pace on Monday when eight senior Libyan Army officers, including five generals, appeared at a news conference in Rome and appealed to fellow officers to join the revolt against Gadhafi, according to The Associated Press. One of the officers, Gen.

Melud Massound Halasa, said Gadhafi's military forces were "only 20 percent as effective" as they were before the revolt broke out in mid-February. A former Libyan foreign minister, Abdel Rahman Shalgam, told reporters that the defections brought to 120 the number of former top officials who had defected, among them at least five former cabinet ministers. □

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SF sheriff wants new immigration policy

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

If the San Francisco sheriff's plan becomes reality, illegal immigrants arrested for petty crimes won't be held in jail longer than necessary, even if U.S. immigration agents may want them detained for possible deportation. Instead, starting Wednesday, deputies will treat those eligible for release just like U.S. citizens: They will be cited to appear in court. City officials, however, aren't so sure about Sheriff Mike Hennessey's plan.

The new policy is his attempt to comply with a city law that prevents police from aiding federal authorities in non-felony crimes and a U.S. law that requires authorities to share fingerprints with immigration agents. "I'm in a position where I'm trying to enforce a local law as well as not violate the federal law and this is the 'in-between,'" he said. "It's a difficult area to tread on because emotions run very high here in California and throughout the country on immigration issues."

Under Hennessey's policy, illegal immigrants who commit misdemeanors, such as disorderly conduct, trespassing or shoplifting, will not be held while the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) checks their status through a fingerprinting monitoring program. □

Obama wraps up reshaping of national security team

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WASHINGTON — In announcing Monday that he would nominate Gen. Martin E. Dempsey to be chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, President Barack Obama concluded a broad reshuffling of his national security team just as the administration is heading into a new debate over bringing U.S. troops home from Afghanistan.

Dempsey, who if confirmed by the Senate would take over from Adm. Mike Mullen as the nation's highest ranking military officer, has not taken a public position on how many troops should be withdrawn starting in July, the date set by the president for beginning to reduce the U.S. military presence in Afghanistan.

But he will be walking into a debate that has been simmering within the administration for two years. On one side are those who want to maintain troop levels as much as possible and to continue a counterinsurgency strategy that emphasizes clearing key regions of Taliban fighters and helping the Afghan government build stable institutions. On the other are those who want to focus on counterterrorism, using fewer troops to carry out targeted strikes on al-Qaida and Taliban forces. Obama gave no hint of which way he was leaning, saying only that he expected Dempsey, now the Army chief, to present him with a full range of options on how to begin bringing U.S. troops home.

"I'll be looking to you, and



President Barack Obama speaks during a press conference in the Rose Garden at the White House in Washington, May 30, 2011. Obama announced he has chosen current Army chief of staff Gen. Martin Dempsey to succeed Adm. Mike Mullen as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and he also picked Navy Adm. James Winnefeld to be Joint Chiefs of Staff vice chairman and Army Gen. Ray Odierno to replace Dempsey as Army chief of staff. From left: National Security Advisor Tom Donilon, Defense Secretary Robert Gates, President Obama, Dempsey, Winnefeld and Odierno.

(Philip Scott Andrews/The New York Times)

the rest of the Joint Chiefs, for what I value most in my advisers, your honest, unvarnished advice, and the full range of options, especially when it comes to our most solemn obligation, protecting the lives of our brave men and women in uniform," Obama said to the general in a ceremony in the Rose Garden. As chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Dempsey will become the president's senior military adviser, working alongside Leon E. Panetta, the Central Intelligence Agency director, who is in line to become defense secretary when Robert M. Gates retires in late June, and Gen. David H. Petraeus, a strong proponent of the counterinsurgency

strategy and the commander in charge of carrying it out, who will take over from Panetta at the CIA. The president chose Dempsey over Gen. James Cartwright, who was seen as a supporter of the more limited counterterrorism approach advocated by Vice President Joe Biden and a number of other administration aides. In selecting Dempsey, Obama was in some ways bowing to the preferences of Mullen, whose term expires Sept. 30, and Gates, who were said by colleagues to be unhappy that Cartwright had provided advice to the White House during the troop-buildup debate in 2009 without keeping them in the loop. The debate over

the scale and pace of any troop withdrawal will take place against evolving domestic and foreign policy considerations. Already, many Democrats in Congress, and even a few Republicans, are beginning to call for a quicker pullout in light of the killing of Osama bin Laden this month and the growing fiscal pressures on the government. Those calls could strengthen the hand of aides like Biden, who advocated a tighter, more focused mission to begin with.

In addition, U.S. officials have begun backing their Afghan counterparts in negotiations with the Afghan Taliban, as part of the effort to speed up a political reconciliation. □

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U.S. making a new push to protect medical privacy

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Federal health officials call it the Wall of Shame. It's a government Web page that lists nearly 300 hospitals, doctors and insurance companies that have reported significant breaches of medical privacy in the past couple of years. Such lapses, frightening to consumers, could impede the Obama administration's effort to shift the nation to electronic health care records.

"People need to be assured that their health records are secure and private," Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of Health and Human Services, said in an interview by phone. "I feel equally strongly that conversion to electronic health records may be one of the most transformative issues in the delivery of health care, lowering medical errors, reducing costs and helping to improve the quality of outcomes."

So the administration is making new efforts to enforce existing rules about medical privacy and security. But some health care experts wonder if the current rules are enough or whether stronger laws are needed, like making it a crime for someone to use information obtained improperly.

"The consequences of breaches matter," conceded Farzad Mostashari, a former New York public hospitals official who recently became the Obama administration's national coordinator for health information technology. "People say they are afraid that if their private information becomes known, they may not be able to get health insurance." In the past two years, personal medical records of

at least 7.8 million individuals have been improperly exposed, according to the government data. One particularly egregious case involved information about 1.7 million patients, staff members, contractors and suppliers of Bronx hospitals and clinics operated by the Health and Hospitals Corp., the New York public health agency. Their electron-

large hospitals in New York, California, Illinois, Texas, Massachusetts, Georgia and Missouri. Auditors cited such problems as personal information that was not encrypted and stored on computers that could be easily accessed by unauthorized users. Auditing teams are now inspecting eight more hospitals, said Lori Pilcher, an assistant

inspector general at Health and Human Services. The hospitals are not being identified to avoid alerting hackers, she said.



Farzad Mostashari, who recently became the national coordinator for health information technology within the Department of Health and Human Services, is working to use existing rules to enforce medical privacy and security, but some wonder if stronger laws are needed.

(Ozier Muhammad/The New York Times)

ic files were stolen from an unlocked van belonging to a record management company. The affected patients got the disquieting news that their medical and personal information, like Social Security numbers, had been violated when their health care providers notified them under federal rules. Showing just how lax security can be, the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services said two weeks ago that the agency had found dozens of vulnerabilities in systems to protect records of patients at seven

inspector general at Health and Human Services. The hospitals are not being identified to avoid alerting hackers, she said.

Another big breach was reported in March on the official website by Health Net, a California-based insurance company, which notified 1.9 million health plan members that records with their personal information were missing. Health Net said IBM, which was managing its information system, told the insurer that the records could not be found. □

Stevens off high court bench, but not out of opinions

ADAM LIPTAK
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WASHINGTON — Justice John Paul Stevens is 91, and he retired from the Supreme Court last year. But he seems to be more active than ever. He is making speeches, writing a book and commenting on the news. He is telling people how he would have voted in recent cases, and he is singling out former colleagues for praise and criticism.

By the end of his almost 35 years on the Supreme Court, Stevens was not only the leader of its liberal wing but also its most canny strategist. Now, off the court, he is building bridges to his more conservative former colleagues even as he highlights the fault lines among them.

In a speech this month in New York, Stevens said he would have voted with Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr., a conservative justice, in *Snyder v. Phelps*, an 8-1 decision protecting protests at military funerals on First Amendment grounds. Alito was alone in dissent.

"It might interest you to know that if I were still an active justice I would have joined his powerful dissent," Stevens said. "To borrow Sam's phrase, the First Amendment does not transform solemn occasions like funerals into free-fire zones."

The other two living former members of the court have been much more oblique in their comments on its recent work. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor has indicated discomfort with the Citizens United campaign finance decision, but usually only by

referring people to her own opinion in one of the decisions it overruled. Justice David H. Souter has said even less.

Richard Davis, the author of a recent book on interactions between the Supreme Court and the media, "Justices and Journalists," said criticism from retired justices of recent decisions was "very rare."

Stevens' remark about the *Snyder* case was also a reminder that he has a powerful independent streak, particularly where First Amendment arguments clash with his sense of patriotism, forged in part during his service in the Navy in World War II.

He dissented, after all, from a 1989 decision that gave First Amendment protection to flag burning.

Last year, he joined the court's five more conservative members in rejecting a First Amendment challenge to a law that made it a crime to use speech to offer even benign support to terrorist organizations.

The remark about the *Snyder* case also demonstrated that there is jurisprudential daylight between Stevens and his successor, Justice Elena Kagan. Kagan, who specialized in the First Amendment as a law professor, joined the majority in the case.

Stevens was not done praising Alito in the speech, adding that he would have joined the majority opinion in *NASA v. Nelson*, which ruled that scientists and engineers who work for government contractors may be required to undergo intrusive background checks. □

Palin family hits road, if not 2012 trail

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GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Sarah Palin dropped a fresh hint Monday about her presidential ambitions, telling reporters that her “One Nation” bus tour might “at some point” go to Iowa, where the 2012 voting begins.

But that scrap of information was about all Palin was willing to offer to reporters as she spent Memorial Day bouncing among historic locations in Washington, Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Day 2 of the tour started Monday morning with a visit to the National Archives in Washington, where she and her family took a private moment to look at the Constitution. The family went from there to Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, and to Fort McHenry in Baltimore. They planned to stop at the Gettysburg battlefield in Pennsylvania later.

Throughout the day, she continued to play coy with report-

ers eager to know her itinerary. After the National Archives stop, a reporter yelled out, “Sarah, where are you going next?” She quickly answered, “Mount Vernon,” then added, “Oh — you are a reporter, darn you!”

Palin announced her bus tour with great fanfare last week and is using it on her website to raise money for her political action committee.

Despite that, Palin is acting as though her family is just like any other on vacation.

Never mind the charter bus plastered with images of the Constitution. Or the fact that her family vacation has a name: the One Nation Tour. Or that she is documenting her family’s movements on a website that invites Americans along.

Or that she might just run for president.

The family sneaked out in Washington on Sunday night for what Palin called an “incognito” tour of the national monuments, ditching the press



Piper Palin, center left, waits to go buy socks with her mother, Sarah Palin, right, who talks with reporters outside their hotel in Gettysburg, Pa., May 30, 2011. Palin said her “One Nation” bus tour, which she’s presenting as a typical family vacation, might “at some point” go to Iowa, where the 2012 voting begins.

(Damon Winter/The New York Times)

after creating a news frenzy earlier in the day at the Rolling Thunder motorcycle rally.

But it is unclear whether she can keep up the pretense of a simple family vacation amid

the scrutiny of someone who is thought to be considering a presidential campaign.

The family went from there to Mount Vernon, home of George Washington, and to Fort McHenry in Baltimore.

Greta Van Susteren, host of a Fox News show and a confidante of Palin, announced Monday morning that she would be interviewing Palin on her tour bus — though Van Susteren insisted in a statement on her own website that she did not know where the bus would be headed.

“I do know where she is this morning since I am meeting up with the bus with our crew,” Van Susteren said. □

Thousands gathering in Honolulu to float lanterns

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Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Thousands are expected to gather at a Honolulu beach on Monday to float candlelit lanterns on the ocean in remembrance of loved ones and to pay tribute to ancestors. The Japanese Buddhist sect Shinnyo-en organizes the annual Memorial Day ceremony. Now in its 13th year, the event is expected to draw about 40,000 people to Ala Moana Beach Park. In a year marked by natural disasters, the thoughts of many are expected to be on friends and family who lost their lives in the March 11 earthquake and tsunamis in Japan and the tornadoes that ripped through Missouri, Alabama and other parts of the U.S. mainland in recent months.

Participants write the names of those they are honoring and a short message on the lanterns before setting them in the water at sunset. Some write prayers, others write poems.

Part of the ceremony’s appeal is the beauty of the lanterns slowly drifting off in the water as the sun sets in the horizon.

Those participating say the ritual also helps them cope with the loss of a loved one, as though physically setting the lantern in the water helps them spiritually let go of someone they’re mourning. They also speak of the power that comes from sharing the experience with thousands of others around them.

“Lantern floating touches your heart. It doesn’t matter who you are, it doesn’t matter what religion you come from, it doesn’t matter what culture, what you believe in,” said Roy Ho, the executive director of the Na Lei Aloha Foundation, a social services organization founded by Shinnyo-en that helps organize the event. □



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CHICAGO—The view looking down through the glass floor toward South Wacker Drive is just what you'd expect if you were balanced on top of 6,960 boxes of this city's deep-dish pizza — or, as the exhibition at the Willis Tower also tells us, standing atop 313 Oprah Winfreys or 283 Barack Obamas. That thought brings on its own sort of vertigo. The comfort is that those human towers would reach the top of the building itself, while this particular perch for a human version of Yertle the Turtle is a bit lower, on the 103rd floor: fewer pizzas, media stars and presidents would be required. Not much help. Stand on the Ledge, as it is called, on the tower's Skydeck, and look down on rooftops and traffic helicopters, and leftward toward the haze over the lake, and outward along the city's grid stretching toward the South Side. Despite the reassuring rivets in the 1,500-pound glass panels, the calm stillness of the air at the



The view from the Ledge in the Willis Tower in Chicago. The Ledge, a series of glass boxes that extend off the 103rd floor of the tower, gives visitors a unique perspective on the world.

(Peter Wynn Thompson/The New York Times).

Windy City's pinnacle and the security of a 10,000-pound weight capacity for each of the four 4.3-foot-deep glass boxes that protrude past the sheer edge of the Western Hemisphere's tallest building — despite all that, you still feel twinges of queasiness.

If the Deity had wanted us to see straight down as far as we can see straight up, he would certainly not have come up with these glass extensions, which were added to the Skydeck in 2009. It is comforting

to know that they were designed by the building's original architects, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, and mounted on tracks that allow them to be pulled inside for cleaning and maintenance. But any reassurance is undercut by the elimination of nearly all visible support; you walk within them, 1,353 feet above South Wacker Drive, surrounded by open air and unbounded space. It's a weird sensation. The structural use of steel made the Chicago skyscraper and

its epigones possible at the turn of the 20th century. Later glass-clad frames seem to almost magically dissolve the signs of massive support that we expect when confronted with buildings of such height. But the playful formality of the glass skyscraper is very different when you stand within a transparent structure in which there is no structural steel evident, either above or below. Here wit turns to mischief; it's a tease made by technology.

But there's also an exhilaration that you don't get if you visit a distant relative of the Ledge: the Grand Canyon Skywalk. That attraction opened two years before these Chicago extensions and promised to be far more spectacular: a transparent-floored observation deck stretching outward 70 feet from the canyon's rim and suspended 4,000 feet above the Colorado River (as high as 900 Oprahs and an impossible number of deep-dish pizzas).

It was built on land owned by the Hualapai Indians, who

had great hopes that, along with bellicose helicopter rides into the canyon and quaint displays of folk culture, the Skywalk would guarantee the tribe a rosy economic future. I visited the Skywalk soon after its opening and was astounded not at seeing Nature's expansive dimensions open at my feet, but at the sheer irrelevance of the enterprise. The expense, hype and setting couldn't match Nature's own spectacle at the main part of the canyon, run by the National Park Service — an immensity that makes all human enterprise seem like petty gimcrackery.

The Skywalk has recently come under the shadow of various legal squabbles between the tribe and the developer, but there also may be something inherently flawed in the concept. It might be that apart from such unusual activities as a space walk or a sky dive the natural world presents itself to us with as much power when seen horizontally as vertically. We don't need vertigo to get the point. □

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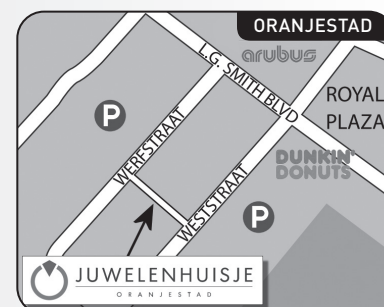
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Soul Beach Music Festival comes to a close after sparking up Aruba



SAN NICOLAS - The 6 days event took place Joe Laveist Sportpark San Nicolas, with performance from Jennifer Hudson, Chrisette Michele, Bobby Brown, Ralph Tresvant & Johnny Gill (Heads of State). Known for her incredible voice, actress and recording artist, Jennifer Hudson first came to prominence in 2004 as one the finalists on American Idol. She made her film debut in the 2006 film Dream-

girls, which won her several awards, including an Academy Award, a Golden Globe, a BAFTA Award, an NAACP Image Award and a Screen Actors Guild Award. In 2008, Hudson's debut album won her a Grammy Award and her recently released album I Remember Medebuted at number 2 on the Billboard 200.

Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter, Chrisette Michele also joined in the lineup. With a style that in-



corporates a variety of musical genres, including rap, R&B and soul, Chrisette is best known for her songs "Be Ok" and "Epiphany." She has also been featured on several hip-hop albums including Jay-Z's Kingdom Come and Nas' Hip Hop is Dead and recently released her third album Let Freedom Reign in November 2010.

Former members of the R&B group New Edition, Bobby Brown, Ralph Tresvant and Johnny Gill joined forces to create the super-group Heads of State. According to Gill, the group's name is inspired by the original name for The Rat Pack. Heads of State has been touring together since 2008 and made

an exciting appearance at the Soul Beach Music Festival. The 11th Annual Soul Beach Music Festival 2011 was the most electrifying music festival event of the year. The 2011 Soul Beach Music Festival kicked-off Memorial Day Weekend, in Aruba's sun-kissed paradise, with five-days of power-packed events. Soul Music Lovers from around the world and took part in amped-up nightclubs, sizzling beach parties, music and comedy concerts. The 11th Anniversary of the Soul Beach Music Festival was more spectacular than ever!!!! The Soul Beach Music Festival is an annual event that has been



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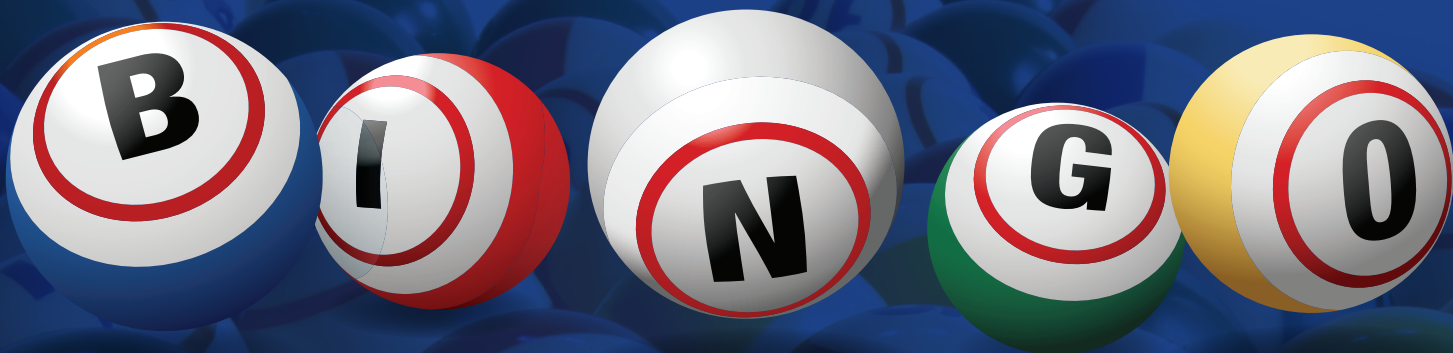


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Yemen battles rage on



An anti-government protestor lifted by other demonstrator, shouts slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday, May 30, 2011. Yemeni warplanes carried out airstrikes Monday on a southern town seized by hundreds of Islamic militants over the weekend, witnesses said, as the political crisis surrounding the embattled president descended into more bloodshed.

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

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Video posted on social networking sites by opposition groups showed protesters scattering as plainclothes gunmen fired from doorways and from rooftops. Bulldozers and tractors demolished remnants of the sit-in. Sporadic gunfire echoed through the city on Monday, witnesses said.

A doctor, Taiz Hamoud Aqlan, said Monday night that he could confirm 20 deaths, but that he expected the number to rise.

"I know that there are injured people who we can't even get to because of the constant gunfire," he said. Some reports put the death toll as high as 70, but they could not be confirmed.

The U.S. Embassy in Sanaa, the capital, condemned in a statement the "unprovoked and unjustified attack on youth protesters," adding that the protesters had "shown both resolve and restraint and have made their viewpoint known through nonviolent means."

A hospital within the protest area was looted early Monday, forcing the wounded to seek assistance farther away, said Abdulkafi Shamsan, a doctor there. He said about 15 soldiers held nurses at gunpoint as they smashed computers, stole medical supplies and detained several injured patients. "They even shot their guns inside the hospital," he said. "I was in the operation room, I went downstairs and I saw everything destroyed."

Mohammed Dabwan, a near-

by resident, said no protesters had returned to the square Monday.

Yemen's state-run media, quoting an unnamed government security official in Taiz, said the violence there was not an organized crackdown. The official said "armed groups" from the opposition coalition attacked a security station, setting fire to cars. The protesters then "kidnapped soldiers and took them to their sit-in square," he said, where they were abused by the protesters. The official said the security forces then "decided on their own to go to the square and liberate their colleagues and clear the square from those making the riots, sabotage and murders." Witness in Taiz also said the fighting was touched off by a clash at a security station near the protest, but disputed that any soldiers had been kidnapped. Reporting on events in Yemen was limited Monday by what appeared to be a block on international calls to phones belonging to Sabafone, a cellular network owned by Hamid al-Ahmar, Saleh's biggest tribal rival.

Violence broke out in Sanaa a week ago between government forces and fighters loyal to Ahmar and his brothers after Saleh refused to follow through on his promise to sign an agreement leading to his resignation. It was the third time since the uprising began in January that Saleh had agreed to transfer power, and the third time he reneged on the promise. □

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As changes embolden Islamists, Christians fear violence

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CAIRO — The headline screamed from a venerable liberal newspaper: Coptic Christians had abducted a young Muslim and tattooed her with a cross. “Copts kidnap Raghada!”

“They tied me up with ropes, beat me with shoes, shaved my hair,” Raghada Salem Abdel Fattah, 19, declared, “and forced me to read Christian psalms!”

Like many similar stories proliferating here since the revolution, Abdel Fattah’s kidnapping could not be confirmed. But for members of Egypt’s Coptic Christian minority, the sensational headline — from a respected publisher, no less — served to validate their fear that the Egyptian revolution had made their country less tolerant and more dangerous for religious minorities. The Arab Spring initially appeared to open a welcoming door to the dwindling number of Christian Arabs who, after years of feeling marginalized, eagerly joined the call for democracy and rule of law. But now many Christians here say they fear that the fall of the police state has allowed long-simmering tensions to

explode, potentially threatening the character of Egypt and the region.

“Will Christians have equal rights and full citizenship or not?” asked Sarkis Naoum, a Christian commentator in Beirut, Lebanon.



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, right, walks next to Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, head of the Egyptian Armed Forces Supreme Council, left, before their talks in the ministry of defense headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, May 30, 2011.

(AP Photo/Khalil Hamra, Pool)

A surge of sectarian violence in Cairo — 24 dead, more than 200 wounded and three churches in flames since President Hosni Mubarak’s downfall — has turned Christian-Muslim tensions into one of the gravest threats to the revolution’s stability. But it is also a pivotal test of Egypt’s tolerance, pluralism and the rule of law. The revolution has empowered the majority but also opened new ques-

tions about the protection of minority rights like freedom of religion or expression as Islamist groups step forward to lay out their agendas and test their political might.

Around the region, Christians are also closely watch-

ing events in Syria, where as in Egypt Christians and other minorities received the protection of a secular dictator, Bashar Assad, now facing his own popular uprising.

“The Copts are the crucial test case,” said Heba Morayef, a researcher with Human Rights Watch here, adding that facing off against “societal pressures” may in some ways be even more difficult than criticizing a dictator. □

Berlusconi suffers setback in local vote

ALESSANDRA RIZZO

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Premier Silvio Berlusconi has acknowledged that his center-right party suffered defeats in his political stronghold of Milan and in the southern city of Naples — outcomes that observers say could undermine his government’s stability and his leadership.

Berlusconi had campaigned hard ahead of the local elections and urged Italians to go to the polls to signal their support for his conservative coalition government in Rome.

“This time we didn’t win, but we continue. I am a fighter. Any time I have lost, I tripled the effort,” Berlusconi told reporters in Romania on Monday, where he was on an official visit.

Final results from the runoff elections held on Monday and Sunday appeared to support recent opinion polls that have shown his popularity slipping as he faces a trial in Milan in a prostitution scandal. Critics have said most of his energy has been involved defending himself from charges that he paid for sex with an underage Moroccan teenager then used the premier’s office to try to cover it up.

The votes mark a setback for the 74-year-old Berlusconi personally and for his local candi-

dates, analysts say, and will likely raise questions about his leadership.

In Milan, with all polling stations reporting, Berlusconi’s candidate, Mayor Letizia Moratti, won about 45 percent of the vote in the runoff against Giuliano Pisapia of the center-left. Milan, Italy’s financial and fashion capital and Berlusconi’s own power base, had been run by conservative mayors for almost two decades.

The city also is a crucial power base of a key government ally, the Northern League, and the poor showing is likely to deepen rifts between Berlusconi and the League’s leader, Umberto Bossi. The League had been critical of the electoral campaign in Milan and lukewarm toward Moratti and it will no doubt be angry about having lost north Italy’s most important city.

However, Berlusconi said he had spoken by telephone to Bossi and said the government was solid.

“We will continue together, in the direction of reform,” Berlusconi said after the vote.

The government has been criticized for not taking on tough reforms to help stimulate growth. □

Germany to close all nuclear plants by 2022

JUDY DEMPSEY

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BERLIN — The German government announced Monday plans to shut all of the nation’s nuclear power plants within the next 11 years, a sharp reversal for Chancellor Angela Merkel after the Japanese disaster at Fukushima caused an electoral backlash by voters opposed to reliance on nuclear energy.

The plan calls for phasing out all of Germany’s 17 nuclear reactors — eight of which are offline — and expanding the use of renewable resources. The decision was based on recommendations of an expert commission appointed after the Japanese disaster to study an industry that generates 23 percent of Germany’s electricity.

“It’s definite — the latest end for the last three nuclear plants is 2022,” said Norbert Rottgen, the environment minister.

The announcement, which still faces legislative approval, was applauded by environmentalists and expected to be popular among voters. But it was greeted skeptically around Europe and within Germany industry.

Some predicted it could harm economic growth, force Germany to import nuclear power from France, or even inflate the cost of energy across the continent.

“The German decision has direct implications for Europe’s energy sector,” said Georg Zachmann, an energy expert at Bruegel, a research institute in Brussels.

For Merkel, the embrace of clean energy represents a transformation based on the politics of the ballot box.

Just last year, her center-right coalition forced through an unpopular plan to extend the life of nuclear power plants, with the last to close in 2036. That action inflamed public opinion, but the Fukushima disaster politicized it.

The nuclear crisis is widely believed to have caused Merkel’s party to lose control

of the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg for the first time in 58 years, in a March election that became a referendum on energy policy.

By Monday, Merkel said the country must “not let go the chance” to end its dependence on nuclear power.

But her ambitious plan will not be easily achieved. The cost of plugging the gap left by the nuclear shutdown is likely to raise power costs, particularly for Germany’s globally competitive industrial sector, which consumes nearly half of the total electricity supply. Germany hopes to have renewable sources provide 35 percent of its electricity by 2020, up from about 13 percent today, and reach 80 percent by 2050. Its efforts will be watched closely, analysts said.

“If the government goes ahead with what it said it would do, then Germany will be a kind of laboratory for efforts worldwide to end nuclear power in an advanced economy,” said Mark Hibbs, a senior associate in the Nuclear Policy Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington. “No other country in the world is taking those steps.”

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Switzerland — a much smaller nation — decided this month to abandon plans to build new nuclear reactors and will phase out its existing plants when they reach the end of their normal lives.

Other European countries are standing by their nuclear programs, including France, which has 58 nuclear plants and two under construction. The Netherlands, deeply committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, intends to build new nuclear plants along with developing more renewable energy sources. □

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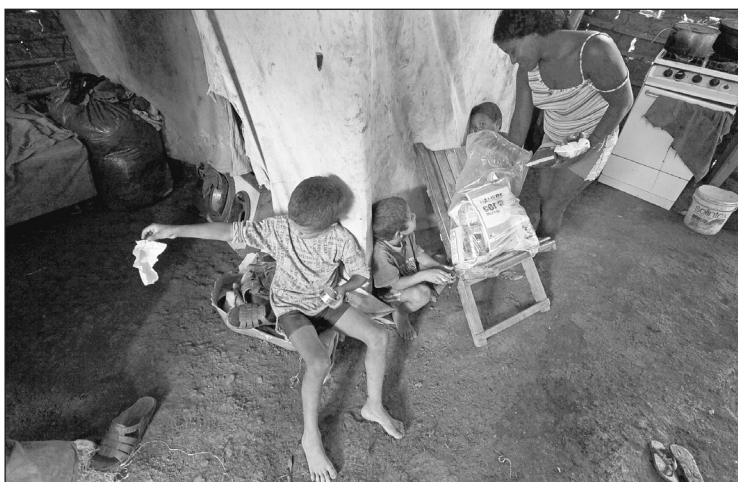
Venezuelans battling soaring food prices

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Associated Press

EL TIGRE, Venezuela (AP)

— Soaring food prices are forcing many Venezuelans to change their eating habits, trim their shopping lists and set aside more of their earnings to feed their families. The oil-exporting country is coping with one of the highest inflation rates in the world: 22.9 percent as of last month, and food prices are rising even faster. "It's gotten 100 percent worse," said Evelyn Villamizar, a 29-year-old student who is raising a 5-year-old son in a poor barrio of the Venezuelan capital, Caracas. She said she feels "strangled by the prices." "If you have enough for one thing, you don't have enough for another," said Villamizar, who was picking up her son at a public school that provides a free daily snack. She shops at subsidized state-run markets when she can but dreads the long lines, which can sometimes take hours of waiting. She said the situation has forced her to rethink which foods she buys. For example, she said, "instead of meat, eggs." Venezuelans have long coped with high prices, but in the past two years the impact has been felt more strongly because inflation has been outpacing salary increases, said Ricardo Villasmil, a professor at Caracas' IESA business school. The poor have been particularly hard-hit. Villasmil said that official figures show the poorest one-fourth of Venezuelans now spend 45 percent of their income on food. High prices and sporadic



Maria Martinez unloads a bag of staples as one of her three sons removes a wrapper from a tin can of ground ham in San Vicente, Venezuela. The family was given the more than 60 pound bag of food, that includes rice, cornmeal, butter and powdered milk, by the subsidized state run program, "Zero Hunger." Soaring food prices have become a daily battle for Venezuelans, forcing many to change their eating habits, cut back on their shopping lists or set aside more of their earnings to feed their families.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

shortages of some foods have weighed on President Hugo Chavez's popularity, though he has held on to the support of about half of Venezuelans, said Luis Vicente Leon, director of the Venezuelan polling firm Datanalisis. Chavez's socialist-oriented government has tried unsuccessfully to tame racing inflation with price controls on many food items, neighborhood meal programs and massive imports of products that are sold through cut-rate state-run markets. He also has regularly raised the minimum wage, though government figures show that the average Venezuelan's buying power has shrunk 14.5 percent in the past four years. Last year, the median salary grew 22 percent, lagging behind 27 percent inflation. Venezuela's skyrocketing prices are an anomaly in Latin America. The country's food

prices shot up 33.7 percent during the 12 months ending in March, far above the average increase of 7.7 percent for the region as a whole, The U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said. While Chavez often blames speculators for the price rises, many economists say his government's lavish spending is partly to blame. Angel Garcia Banchs, an economics professor at Venezuela's Central University, said the money supply has expanded faster than production of the goods it can buy. During Chavez's 12-year presidency, the amount of currency circulating in the economy has increased about 160 percent in real terms, adjusted for inflation. If inflation isn't taken into account, the money supply was about 29 times bigger in December 2010 than it was in December 1998. □

Report questions official Haiti quake death toll

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti

(AP) — Far fewer people died or were left homeless by last year's devastating earthquake than claimed by Haitian leaders, a report commissioned by the U.S. government has concluded — challenging a central premise behind a multibillion-dollar aid and reconstruction effort. The report, a copy of which was obtained Monday by The Associated Press, estimates that the death toll was between 46,000 and 85,000, far below the Haitian government's official figure of 316,000. The report was prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development but has not yet been publicly released. Haitian authorities stood by the figures they released last year. The report has inconsistencies, however, and won't be released publicly until they are resolved, U.S. State Department spokeswoman Preeti Shah told the AP. "The first draft of the report contained internal inconsistencies with its own findings," Shah said in a telephone interview from Washington. "We are reviewing these inconsistencies ... to ensure information we release is accurate." Shah would not elaborate or say whether the report could change significantly once the inconsistencies are resolved. Haitian government officials said they had not seen the report and could not discuss it. Based on a statistical sam-

pling from a hard-hit section of downtown Port-au-Prince, the report also estimates that about 895,000 people moved into temporary settlement camps around the capital after the quake and that no more than 375,000 of those are still living under tarps and in tents and wooden shanties. Those figures conflict with numbers provided by the U.N. International Organization for Migration, which says the camp population reached 1.5 million after the quake and that there are still 680,000 in settlement camps around the capital. The report also says there was less rubble than previously estimated. Immediately after the earthquake, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reported about 20 million cubic meters (26 million cubic yards) of debris, enough to fill the Louisiana Superdome five times. But the study concluded that the total is less than half that amount. The discrepancies are more than academic: The huge death toll and widespread destruction helped justify an international outpouring of aid for the impoverished Caribbean country, including \$5.5 billion pledged during a March 2010 U.N. donor's conference. Many people questioned the Haitian government's death toll in the days after the quake. The officials released precise figures even as thousands of bodies were scooped up and dumped in mass graves in what seemed a haphazard fashion. □



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7 killed in attacks in Mexican resort of Acapulco

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ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP)

— Shootings and attacks in Mexico's Pacific coast resort of Acapulco left two po-

lice officers, three suspected drug cartel gunmen and two other men dead, police said Monday. The confrontations on Sunday began when gun-

men traveling in a convoy of eight vehicles opened fire on an Acapulco municipal police patrol car Sunday, killing two officers. Federal officers responding to the reports of gun-

fire later located the convoy; in the ensuing gunfight, three suspects were killed. Police in Guerrero state, where Acapulco is located, said in statement said that the three dead assailants were found with assault rifles, military-style uniforms and bulletproof vests. The mutilated body of a man was found inside the trunk of a vehicle along a federal highway, police said on Monday. Officials also reported finding the bullet-riddled body of a 20-year-old man with his feet and hands tied in a residential neighborhood. Police gave no motives or identities of the

men killed. Ramon Almonte, the Guerrero state police chief, said on Monday he will ask the federal congress to make it easier for common citizens to get permits for weapons to defend themselves. Almonte's brother was killed on Jan. 1 in a rural town in Guerrero by unidentified gunmen. The state has been plagued by such executions.

"When you fight someone and at least you have a 'piece,' the person who is attacking you might think twice," Almonte said. "We cannot go on the way we are." □



A soldier stands next to a car where two men were killed after a gun-battle with federal police in Acapulco, Mexico. Shootings and attacks in Mexico's Pacific coast resort of Acapulco left two police officers, three suspected drug cartel gunmen and two other men dead, police said Monday.

(AP Photo/Bernardino Hernandez)

Jamaica investigator uncovers alleged fraud

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — Jamaica's contractor general announced Monday that his office has uncovered evidence of alleged fraud in the island's biggest parish council, which oversees local projects ranging from road repairs to waste management. Gully and drain cleaning contracts worth \$1.1 million were awarded to a phony contractor who admitted in a sworn statement that her sham business acted as a front for at least three officers in the Kingston and St. Andrew Parish Council, Contractor General Greg Christie alleged. Christie said the woman acknowledged that she had no construction experience and the government projects were illegally undertaken by agents of her accomplices, who paid her 10 percent for her part in the alleged ruse between November 2006 and November 2010. The woman, who also implicated a works employee of the Kingston and St. Andrew Corporation, said in her sworn statement to Christie's office that her role on the various work sites was to "just stand and look from morning till evening." The alleged fraud was discovered when the fake contractor was summoned to the contractor general to account for the discrepancy in the sworn statements she had made in her applications. □

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The new normal: Focus groups that look like play groups

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The dozen women worked in meditative silence, gingerly pasting Barbie dolls, large colorful lollipops and pieces of feather boas on black poster board panels.

Malinda Sanna, the founder of and strategic planner for Spark, a market research company based in New York, guided the women through the process of creating large collages using materials from tables decorated with all kinds of materials: a Styrofoam cake with Barbie dolls perched on each layer, fresh flowers, coffee beans and scented oils.

"I want you to get kind of messy," Sanna told the participants. "Pick things up. Smell things."

Welcome to the new focus group. Be it making collages or using mobile applications that track participants' purchases minute by minute, advertisers are experimenting with new ways to learn about what consumers think of their products.

Experts say the traditional focus group, in which par-



Participants create collages in a Sensory Safari focus group in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Advertisers used to cull information from consumers by asking questions, but now they are watching media-saturated shoppers in hands-on situations with their products.

(James Leynse/The New York Times)

saturation means consumers are giving marketers similarly jaded answers to their research questions. So Sanna and her business partner, Terrie Koles, started the Sensory Safari, a collage-building exercise in which participants create collages based on their feelings about a brand, a product or an advertising concept.

At a recent event for Unilever, Koles artfully decorated four tables with objects rep-

resenting different senses —

from an adjacent room. One montage, which included an upside-down Barbie doll in a pink taffeta dress, her outstretched arms giving the appearance that she was falling from the sky, represented vulnerability and the "ultimate feeling of not being in control," Sanna said. Depending on the context, outstretched arms also represented playfulness and openness, and they were a theme in many of the images the women selected for their collages.

Noelle Tate, who contributed the upside-down Barbie, described the experience as "liberating."

"How often do you get to go through a room with tables full of a beautiful array of objects, scents, textures, plants, flowers, pictures, etc. etc. etc., and just be stimulated through all of your senses to express how you feel?" Tate said in an email. David Rubin, the marketing director for hair care at Unilever, said watching the women gave the company deeper insight into how to approach consumers. The collage-building process, he said in an email, helped participants "get out of their comfort zone and talk about emotions they might not even know they had."

When Time Warner Cable was testing a new ad campaign, the company used the Sensory Safari to see the reactions consumers had to the cable company before and after seeing television ads.

tions for Time Warner Cable, said the collages made before the ads were shown, tinged with negative imagery like tangled ropes and roller coasters, were "not surprising." After seeing the ads, participants created collages with more positive images including the word "Technology" with a heart drawn around it. "There's no better way than nonverbal communication to understand how people feel," Freeman said.

The use of traditional focus groups has sometimes been fraught with pitfalls for marketers. One of the biggest focus group debacles came with the invention of New Coke, which briefly replaced the traditional Coca-Cola formula in 1985. □



A collage created during a Sensory Safari focus group in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Advertisers used to cull information from consumers by asking questions, but now they are watching media-saturated shoppers in hands-on situations with their products.

(James Leynse/The New York Times)

ticipants are guided through a discussion about a product or brand while marketers watch from behind a glass window, suffers from a few shortcomings. Responses can be influenced by a marketer's presence, and one person may dominate the whole group.

"We're savvy, we're jaded, we're tired of advertising," Sanna said. All of that media

resenting different senses — touch, smell, sight and taste. Participants were given iPods programmed with pop music and asked to visually represent how they felt about the concepts for two Web-based applications for Suave, a Unilever hair care line.

While the women were creating the collages, representatives from Unilever watched

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Against learned helplessness



PAUL KRUGMAN

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Unemployment is a terrible scourge across much of the Western world. Almost 14 million Americans are jobless, and millions more are stuck with part-time work or jobs that fail to use their skills. Some European countries have it even worse: 21 percent of Spanish workers are unemployed.

Nor is the situation showing rapid improvement. This is a continuing tragedy, and in a rational world bringing an end to this tragedy would be our top economic priority.

Yet a strange thing has happened to policy discussion: On both sides of the Atlantic, a consensus has emerged among movers and shakers that nothing can or should be done about jobs. Instead of a determination to do something about the ongoing suffering and economic waste, one sees a proliferation of excuses for inaction, garbed in the language of wisdom and responsibility.

So someone needs to say the obvious: Inventing reasons not to put the unemployed back to work is neither wise nor responsible. It is, instead, a grotesque abdication of responsibility.

What kinds of excuses am I talking about? Well, consider last week's release of the latest report on the economic outlook by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OECD. The OECD is basically an intergovernmental think tank; while it has no direct ability to set policy, what it says reflects the conventional wisdom of Europe's policy elite.

So what did the OECD have to say about high unemployment in its member coun-

tries? "The room for macro-economic policies to address these complex challenges is largely exhausted," declared the organization's secretary-general, who called on countries instead to "go structural" — that is, to focus on long-run reforms that would have little impact on the current employment situation.

And how do we know there's no room for policies to put the unemployed back to work? The secretary-general didn't say — and the report itself never even suggests possible solutions to the employment crisis. All it does is highlight the risks, as it sees them, of any departure from orthodox policy.

But then, who is talking seriously about job creation these days? Not the Republican Party, unless you count its ritual calls for tax cuts and deregulation. Not the Obama administration, which more or less dropped the subject a year and a half ago.

The fact that nobody in power is talking about jobs does not mean, however, that nothing could be done.

Bear in mind that the unemployed aren't jobless because they don't want to work, or because they lack the necessary skills. There's nothing wrong with our workers — remember, just four years ago the unemployment rate was below 5 percent.

The core of our economic problem is, instead, the debt — mainly mortgage debt — that households ran up during the bubble years of the last decade. Now that the bubble has burst, that debt is acting as a persistent drag on the economy, preventing any real recovery in employment. And once you realize that the overhang of private debt is the problem, you realize that there are a number of things that could be done about it.

For example, we could have WPA-type programs putting the unemployed to work doing useful things like repairing roads — which would also, by raising incomes, make it easier for households to pay down debt. We could have a serious program of mortgage modification, reducing the debts of troubled homeowners. □



For office civility, 'cherchez la femme'



MAUREEN DOWD

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PARIS — On the way up to Christine Lagarde's office high above the Seine, you pass through a lobby filled with wall after wall of black-and-white photos of her predecessors as French finance minister: all men.

They include a former president, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing; a current president, Nicolas Sarkozy, and a former favorite to be president, Dominique Strauss-Kahn.

DSK, as he's known here, is holding a pen, beaming with confidence.

His photo on the front page of Le Figaro on Lagarde's coffee table looks far different: the humbled former International Monetary Fund chief flanked by two New York detectives at his house-arrest pad in TriBeCa, a \$50,000-a-month apartment so "luxueuse," as the paper says, that it is giving the Socialist Party "malaise." Another black-and-white expanse greets you when you enter Lagarde's office: the zebra-patterned carpet she put

in so she wouldn't always be facing "men in gray suits on a gray rug."

The attractive, 55-year-old Lagarde — 5-foot-10 and lithe with short silver hair and blue-green eyes — is gliding around on the zebra rug in her nude patent Christian Louboutin high heels. The woman has panache.

What else would you expect from someone who became a synchronized swimmer on the French national team after watching Esther Williams movies as a girl?

"She was a little bit plumpy, which was lovely," Madame Minister says of the '50s movie star, adding that she does a bit of her old practice, in addition to working on her rose garden and cooking, when she's at her home in Normandy. "I love the sea. I think I must have been a dolphin in a previous life."

Synchronized swimming taught her teamwork and how to hold her breath when world economies dived underwater. She was, she says, "born independent." When she was 4, she confides in her melodic low voice, her "totally irresponsible" parents would put her and her infant brother to bed and sneak out to the theater and concerts. One night they came back and found all the lights on.

Christine was ensconced in a big chair in the living room, reading her book. "Next time," she nonchalantly told

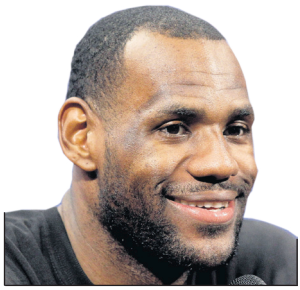
her parents, "just let me know when you go."

France's first female finance minister got a boost in her bid to become the first female head of the IMF at the G-8 meeting in Deauville when Sarkozy lobbied President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton offered a girl-power endorsement, and Dmitry Medvedev proclaimed a near-consensus. Lagarde asserts that apres le DSK deluge, leadership skills count more for the world's banker than "super-duper training and degrees in economics."

She says she's ready to personally go woo China, India and other countries angry over the prospect of yet another European getting a job they feel should be the prize of a developing country. She heads to Brazil on Monday.

She feels deeply that "with an institution with so many different people with different backgrounds, there's a need for respect and tolerance. I know what it's like to walk into a room where you are just by yourself, and everybody else is wearing dark suits, and you feel for a few seconds slightly intimidated and not always welcome."

She dismisses the charge that she overstepped to get a \$408 million legal settlement for a Sarkozy pal, the controversial businessman Bernard Tapie, calling it "a politically driven initiative by the Socialist Party." □



Hungry for hardware: LeBron seeks NBA ring

Miami Heat's LeBron James smiles as he answers a question after an NBA Finals basketball practice Monday, May 30, 2011, in Miami. The Dallas Mavericks will play the Heat in Game 1 of the NBA Finals Tuesday.

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LAST LAP



Harvick wins as Earnhardt runs out of fuel

Kevin Harvick, left, passes Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win the race on the final lap as Earnhardt runs out of gas coming out of Turn 4 during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Coca-Cola 600 auto race in Concord, N.C., Sunday, May 29, 2011.

Associated Press

JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer
CONCORD, North Carolina (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. ran out of fuel on the final lap, costing him a drought-breaking victory in Sunday's NASCAR Sprint Cup race in Charlotte, as Kevin Harvick swept past to take the race win. Earnhardt looked like taking his first checkered flag in almost three years but the tank in his Chevrolet ran dry along the back straight on the last

lap. He tried to coast his way through the final turn but Harvick zipped past. Coincidentally, it happened on the same day as Indy 500 race leader J.R. Hildebrand crashed coming out of the final turn to lose the nation's biggest open-wheeler race. Both Earnhardt and Hildebrand are sponsored by the National Guard, and the dramatic reversals spoiled what would have been a celebratory Memorial Day for the military. It is the second time

this year that Earnhardt — who last won at Michigan in 2008 — had lost to Harvick, who has led just nine laps in his Sprint Cup Series-best three victories. "Everybody sitting up here would say we want the 88 to win and they're so close to winning and both times they had a chance to win," Harvick said. "We are going to do what we have to do to win the races, and today it all just worked out strategy wise that we won the race.

"But I feel so stinking bad for him, and I know how bad he wants it. It'll happen." Earnhardt comfortably led in the closing laps of NASCAR's longest race of the year but knew stretching his fuel to the finish was going to be touch-and-go. Still, his crew chief Steve Letarte ordered him to go for broke and chase down Greg Biffle and Kasey Kahne over the final 20 laps. But Letarte reversed course when Kahne closed

in on Biffle, and Matt Kenseth, who was running fourth, stopped to refuel. Reckoning that Biffle and Kahne would themselves run out of fuel racing each other for the win, he urged Earnhardt to sit tight and try to exploit their misfortune. It might have worked, too, if Hendrick Motorsports teammate Jimmie Johnson's engine didn't fail four laps from the finish.

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This March 30, 2011, file photo shows Ohio State football coach Jim Tressel pausing before answering questions during a news conference, in Columbus, Ohio. Associated Press

Jim Tressel resigns as OSU's football coach

By RUSTY MILLER
AP College Football Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jim Tressel, who guided Ohio State to its first national title in 34 years, resigned Monday amid NCAA violations from a tattoo-parlor scandal that sullied the image of one of the country's top football programs. "After meeting with university officials, we agreed that it is in

the best interest of Ohio State that I resign as head football coach," Tressel wrote in the resignation letter he submitted on Monday morning. "The recent situation has been a distraction for our great university and I make this decision for the greater good of the school." Luke Fickell will be the coach for the 2011 season. He already had been selected to be the interim coach while Tressel

served a five-game suspension. Ohio State spokesman Jim Lynch said he was unaware of any buy-out or severance package. He added that Tressel had returned from vacation Sunday night and met with athletic director Gene Smith, who then met with staff. Tressel typed his resignation and submitted it to Smith, he said.

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Rafael Nadal advances to French Open quarterfinals

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal improved his record at Roland Garros to 42-1, beating Ivan Ljubicic 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 Monday to reach the quarterfinals of the French Open.

The five-time champion was not troubled on Court Philippe Chatrier, and the win kept him on course to equal Bjorn Borg's record of six titles on the Parisian clay.

"I have improved since the tournament started," said Nadal, who was pushed to five sets in the first round. "I'm able to play better and I'm going to continue on this path."

Novak Djokovic also had a successful day, even though he wasn't scheduled to play. The second-seeded Serb reached the semifinals of the tournament — where he could meet Roger Federer — when quarterfinal opponent Fabio Fognini withdrew because of injury.

"Walkover from Fognini. Bad luck for him, hope he recovers fast. Today I get to enjoy Paris in a different way :-)" Djokovic wrote on Twitter.

Maria Sharapova also advanced Monday, as did Australian Open runner-up Li Na. Fourth-seeded Andy Murray



Defending champion Spain's Rafael Nadal returns the ball to Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament, at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, May 30, 2011.

and Viktor Troicki of Serbia were even at two sets each when their match was suspended because of darkness at 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Nadal won four straight titles at the French Open before losing to Robin Soderling in the fourth round in 2009. He will face Soderling in the quarterfinals this year after the fifth-seeded Swede defeated Gilles Simon of France 6-2, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

"For me it will be a tough match," Nadal said minutes before Soderling completed his victory. "He's played two finals here at Roland Garros, so he knows what this means. He's got to play his best tennis."

Federer won the 2009 French Open to complete a career Grand Slam, but Nadal returned to win his fifth title in 2010. Djokovic, who will not be credited with a victory be-

cause Fognini withdrew, is after his own records.

If he wins his semifinal match, he would equal John McEnroe's Open era record of 42-0 for the best start to a tennis season and clinch the No. 1 ranking. With three more wins, the second-seeded Serb will match the record of 46 straight wins set by Guillermo Vilas in 1977.

The two-time Australian Open champion has never won the

title at Roland Garros, but he beat Nadal in two clay-court finals leading up to the French Open.

Fognini, who injured a muscle in his left leg while beating Albert Montanes on Sunday, announced Monday that he would not be able to play Djokovic, who is 41-0 in 2011 and has won 43 straight matches overall.

"It's better for him," Nadal said of Djokovic's advancement. "He is going to really rest ahead of his semifinal."

Federer will have to beat Gael Monfils to advance to the semifinals. The ninth-seeded Frenchman defeated David Ferrer 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, 1-6, 8-6 in a match that stretched over two days.

"Now I need to recover and at some point I'll stop losing against this Swiss," said Monfils, who has lost five of his six matches against Federer.

Juan Ignacio Chela also reached the quarterfinals. The unseeded Argentine, the only non-European left in the men's draw, beat Alejandro Falla of Colombia 4-6, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Sharapova won the last four games to beat 12th-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 7-6 (4), 7-5 and reach her first Grand Slam quarterfinal in two years.

The seventh-seeded Sharapova has won the other three major tournaments once apiece, but is still looking for her first title at Roland Garros.

Sharapova will next face 15th-seeded Andrea Petkovic of Germany, who defeated No. 25 Maria Kirilenko of Russia 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

The sixth-seeded Li became the first Chinese player to reach the quarterfinals at Roland Garros by beating No. 9 Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic 2-6, 6-1, 6-3. She will next face No. 4 Victoria Azarenka of Belarus, who beat Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 6-2, 6-3.

"I was really in trouble," Li said about trailing 3-0 in the third set. "I didn't believe I could come back, because she has a huge big serve. But I was OK. She had just broken once." □

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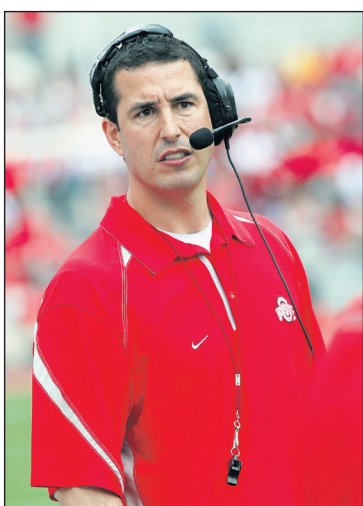
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Under terms of Tressel's contract, which was worth around \$3.5 million a year through the 2014 season, Ohio State is not required to pay him any money or provide any benefits upon his resignation.

In a university video posted on YouTube.com, Smith said Tressel met with his Buckeyes players on Monday morning.

"Coach Tressel did what we all knew he would do," Smith said. "He did an eloquent job of explaining to the young men what transition really means and what they really needed to focus on. So he met with the team and exited."

Smith went on to thank Tressel, express his confidence in Fickell and to say that Ohio State would not comment on "any of the matters around (the



In a April 23, 2011 file photo, Ohio State assistant head coach Luke Fickell watches from the sideline during an NCAA college football Spring Game, in Columbus, Ohio. Associated Press

NCAA) case or any further accusations that may emerge." The resignation was first reported by The Columbus Dispatch.

Clearly, the turmoil had been building. The resignation comes nearly three months after Ohio State called a news conference to announce it has suspended Tressel for two games — later increasing the ban to five games to coincide with the players' punishment — and fined him \$250,000 for knowing his players had received improper benefits from a local tattoo-parlor owner. The school said at the time it was "very surprised and disappointed" in Tressel. Yet, the school still managed to crack jokes.

Asked if he considered firing Tressel, Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee said then: "No, are you kidding? Let me just be very clear: I'm just hopeful the coach doesn't dismiss me."

Gee was not joking about the Tressel situation over the

weekend. Ohio State released a letter from Gee to the university's board of trustees which said, "As you all know, I appointed a special committee to analyze and provide advice to me regarding issues attendant to our football program. In consultation with the senior leadership of the university and the senior leadership of the board, I have been actively reviewing the matter and have accepted coach Tressel's resignation." Tressel's downfall came with public and media pressure mounting on Ohio State, its board of trustees, Gee and Smith.

"We look forward to refocusing the football program on doing what we do best — representing this extraordinary university and its values on the field, in the classroom, and in life," Smith said in a statement Monday. □

LeBron back in finals and hungry for an NBA ring

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — LeBron James walked through the tunnel leading from the Miami Heat locker room Monday, stepped onto the court and gave a yell. He looked down at the NBA finals logo newly affixed on the floor, smiled and nodded. With that, it became real.

His championship chance — the biggest reason he came to Miami — has finally arrived. Swept out of his only other finals appearance four years ago, James will get his long-awaited second opportunity starting Tuesday night when the Heat play host to the Dallas Mavericks in Game 1 of the NBA's title series. After a year like no other in his life, starting with the much-criticized "Decision," his jerseys being torched in Cleveland and never-ending, intense scrutiny of his every move, the last challenge will likely prove to be the toughest of them all.

"I'm honored to be here once again," said James, who led the Cavaliers to the 2007 finals and lost in four games to San Antonio. "Now with this franchise, it's an honor. As players, we worked hard. I worked hard individually to get to this point. And I had a lot of visions of being in this moment and now it's hit me, being on that floor, seeing the championship logos and everything, the finals logos. I'm very excited."

It showed Monday.

He chatted with teammates, taking part in a long shooting contest with Dwyane Wade, Eddie House and others, looking perfectly comfortable as dozens of photographers clicked away for 30 straight minutes. By now, being in the microscope is an accepted part of the deal for James, who has been dealing with this since his high school days.

Away from the court, though, those who are around the two-time NBA MVP say his focus is even sharper than usual. Winning a title likely won't change perceptions about James. His fans will surely remain fans, his critics will surely remain critics, no matter what happens. But to him, a championship would mean everything that took place since 9:27 p.m. on July 8, 2010 — the moment he publicly said he would join the Heat — was all worthwhile.

"He's focused," Wade said. "Obviously, we all want it. But in a different sense, he wants this, he wants to seize this moment. And you can tell by the way he's been playing, especially in late games. He hasn't left anything to chance, whether it's guarding the other team's best player, whether it's taking big shots, doing anything it takes. That's a player that I see hungry for a championship."

He's been that way since July.

When the Heat threw that much-maligned signing party for Wade, James and Chris Bosh — an idea that was born from the team hoping to simply welcome Wade back to Miami, those organizing the event never knowing it would be James and Bosh sharing the stage with him until less than 24 hours before the bash began — James talked about winning title after title after title.

With that, the bar was set.

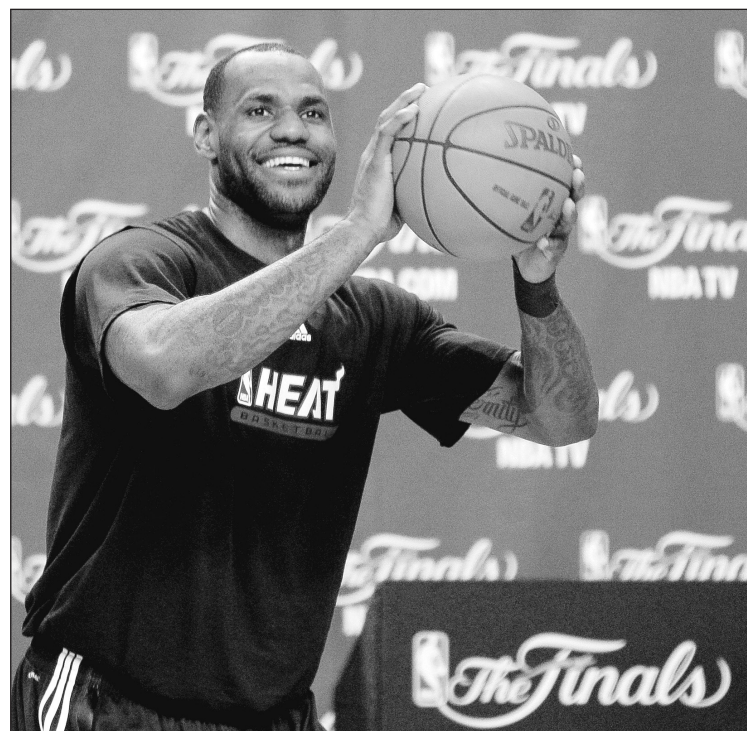
"He's been zoned in and he has that killer instinct that is warranted for the playoffs," Heat center Jamaal Magloire said. "You can see that he's willing to do whatever it takes to win."

Even his detractors likely couldn't argue that this season.

Despite sharing the ball with Wade and Bosh, James finished the season averaging 26.7 points, 7.5 rebounds and 7.0 assists, numbers very comparable to what he was accustomed to posting when he was starring for the Cavaliers. To prepare for facing Miami in this series, the Mavericks have used Dominique Jones and Corey Brewer in practice, asking them to do the impossible: play like LeBron.

Mavs coach Rick Carlisle lauded their efforts.

"You are trying to simulate a guy," Carlisle said, "that many would argue is unsimulat-



Miami Heat's LeBron James shoots during an NBA Finals basketball practice Monday, May 30, 2011, in Miami. The Dallas Mavericks will play the Heat in Game 1 of the NBA Finals Tuesday. Associated Press

able."

The Heat have brought out their 2006 championship trophy at times this season for motivation — James was among the players and coaches that posed with this year's trophy at ABC's request, part of the promotional photos and videos that will be used on finals broadcasts, joking that he held it and was asked to do everything with it "besides take it home." No extra motivation is required now, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

"Both teams know what we're playing for," Spoelstra said.

"Right now, I think it's more important to stay in the moment, stay in the process."

From the very beginning, this was Miami's plan. Everything before the finals would seem like a warmup act. Wade, James and Bosh made no secret of that, all the way back to that first night they donned Heat uniforms together and rode a forklift to the top of a stage to greet 13,000 screaming fans.

Here's a reminder of what Wade said that night:

• "We're not here to sell jerseys," he said. □

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Bolt focuses on defending world, Olympic titles

KAREL JANICEK

Associated Press

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic

(AP) — Coming off a narrow victory in his anticipated return to the track last week, Usain Bolt is now fully focused on retaining his world and Olympic titles that he says would make him a legend. Bolt is scheduled to run the 100-meter race at the 50th edition of the Golden Spike meet on Tuesday as he prepares himself for the Aug. 27-Sept. 4 world championships in Daegu, South Korea.

“It’s very important to me, these two coming years are going to make me a legend,” the three-time Olympic champion said Monday. “I’ll be working hard, I’ll be trying to get back into form the rest of the season. I’m really focused and I’m ready to work hard.”

The Jamaican will compete for the fifth time at the Ostrava meet, which is part of the new IAAF World Challenge series, and for a second time in the 100-meter event. He won in a wind-assisted 9.77 seconds in 2009. “Competition-wise, I am feeling better and confident

after my last race. I’m ready to run as fast as possible,” Bolt said. Bolt said he aimed at posting a quicker time than the 9.91 seconds he managed at the Golden Gala meet in Rome, when he just beat former record-holder Asafa Powell. “I’ll definitely want to go faster this race. Now, I’m really much much more relaxed, much much more focused,”

Bolt said. Bolt had not competed since he was beaten by Tyson Gay in Stockholm last August, snapping the Jamaican’s two-year unbeaten streak. He then ended his season because of back and Achilles’ tendon problems. “It was just a really bad race,” Bolt said. “I’d never been nervous for about four years, It was something new for me.

I got through it and that’s the most important for me. Now, I’m ready to move on.” At the Golden Spike, Bolt will face fellow Jamaican Steve Mullings, who holds this year’s best time of 9.89. “Steve Mullings has been improving over the years,” Bolt said. “He’s a very talented athlete and I’m really looking to it. It should be a great race.

Bolt has broken the 100 record three times, the last time in 9.58 at the 2009 worlds in Berlin. He also holds the 200 world record and won the 300 at last year’s event in 30.97 seconds.

However, rainy conditions prevented him from challenging the mark of 30.85 set in 2000 by Michael Johnson in Pretoria, South Africa. Bolt is committed to several European meets this summer, including events in Oslo, Monaco and Paris, before defending his 100 and 200 world titles in Daegu.

Double-amputee runner Oscar Pistorius of South Africa will make his Golden Spike debut as part of his efforts to qualify for the worlds and the 2012 London Olympics.

To make his dream come true, Pistorius needs to clock a personal-best 45.25 seconds in the 400. “I believe I’ve taken my training to another level,” said Pistorius, who ran 45.61 in South Africa in March, adding that he hopes “to run under 46 tomorrow night, and just to enjoy the race and get as much experience as possible.” □

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Jamaica’s sprinter Usain Bolt gestures during a press conference prior the Golden Spike Athletic meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Monday, May 30, 2011. Bolt will compete in 100 meters at the Golden Spike on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

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Kevin Harvick raises the trophy in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup series Coca-Cola 600 auto race in Concord, N.C., Sunday, May 29, 2011.

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Biffle had to stop for fuel under caution, so Kahne and Earnhardt lined up side-by-side for the final restart. Earn-

hardt got a great jump as Kahne got hit from behind by Brad Keselowski. It caused a large collision and plenty of de-

HARVICK

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bris, but the yellow flag never came, meaning Earnhardt had to race rather than coast to the finish and the car didn’t quite make it. “The spotter was like, ‘Man, they’re coming! They’re coming!’ I was like, ‘I’m cruising. What am I supposed to do, get out and pedal this thing with my feet?’” Earnhardt said. Harvick had a similar reaction. “The spotter was going nuts, ‘The 88’s out of gas! Keep going!’” Harvick said. “I’m like ‘Well, I’m not going to let off!’ What do you want me to do? I’m going as hard as I can go. All of a sudden, he just shut off. He had sucked every drop out of it.” David Ragan finished second in a Ford behind the Chevrolet of Harvick. Joey Logano was third in a Toyota, and Kurt Busch was fourth in a Dodge.

A.J. Allmendinger and Marcos Ambrose were fifth in sixth in Fords for Richard Petty Motorsports. □

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Colon pitches Yanks past A's

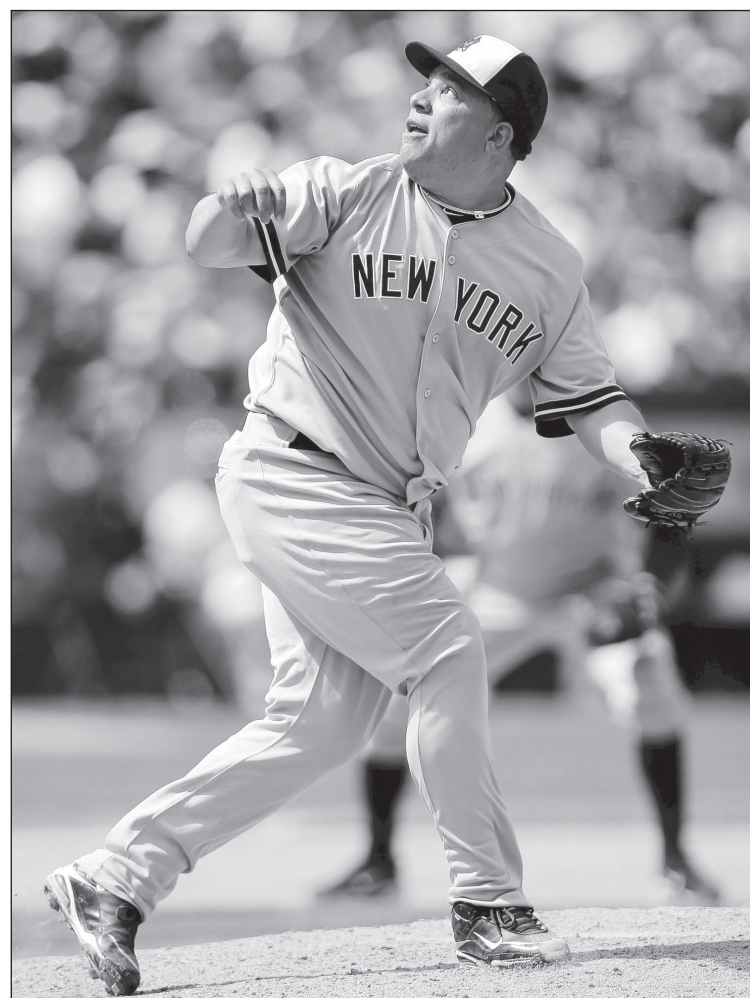
OAKLAND, California (AP) — Bartolo Colon allowed just four hits for his first shutout in nearly five years and Mark Teixeira homered in the first inning as the New York Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics for the eighth straight time, 5-0 on Monday. Robinson Cano added an RBI double in the three-run first inning against Trevor Cahill (6-3) and Derek Jeter recorded his 2,981st career hit and drove in a run for the

Yankees, who have won 22 of 26 against Oakland since the start of the 2008 season. The A's were shut out for the sixth time this year, getting only four baserunners against Colon (3-3). Colon allowed no walks and struck out six to earn his first shutout since blanking Seattle 4-0 on July 5, 2006, with the Angels.

Tigers 6, Twins 5

At Detroit, Alex Avila's double in the eighth inning, that appeared to hit a fan in

the stands down the left-field, line scored Jhonny Peralta from first base as Detroit edged Minnesota. With Peralta on first and two outs, Avila hit a ball down the line that rattled along the short fence as fans reached over for it. Umpires stopped the play after the ball appeared to strike a fan, but they let the run stand instead of sending Peralta back to third. Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire came out



New York Yankees' Bartolo Colon eyes a pop up during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Oakland Athletics Monday, May 30, 2011, in Oakland, Calif. Associated Press

DC United ends Timbers' MLS home winning streak



The Portland Timbers midfielder Diego Chara, left, and DC United forward Chris Pontius collide as they fight for the ball during the second half of their MLS soccer game in Portland, Ore., Sunday, May 29, 2011.

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — D.C. United won 3-2 at Portland on Sunday to end the first-year Major League Soccer club's run of home wins at five. Perry Kitchen put D.C. United ahead in the 13th minute and the

visitors held that advantage until the 64th when Jack Jewsbury equalized with a contentiously-taken penalty. D.C. goalkeeper Bill Hamid twice saved spot-kicks — both taken by Kenny Cooper — but each

time the referee ordered the kick be retaken, adjudging Hamid to have come too far off the goal line.

Hamid angrily confronted the referee — who was taking charge of just his second MLS game — and was booked before Jewsbury took over the duties from Cooper and converted at the third attempt.

Ten minutes later, United were awarded a penalty of their own and Chris Pontius made it 2-1 to the visitors. □

to argue and was ejected. Crew chief Gary Darling, who was umpiring third base, said after the game he called fan interference and ruled Peralta would have scored without it. He said the interference came from a fan in an orange shirt. Replays showed a fan in an orange shirt standing in a small area of seats that juts out toward the field. The ball appeared to bounce up and hit the fan while he

was simply standing there.

Angels 10, Royals 8

At Kansas City, Missouri, Torii Hunter's second home run, a two-run shot off Joakim Soria in the ninth inning, powered Los Angeles to a win over Kansas City. Hunter, who had a solo home run off Everett Teaford in the seventh, drove in the 1,000th run of his career with the long drive that put the Angels on top 9-8. □

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A good night's sleep isn't a luxury; it's a necessity

JANE E. BRODY

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In my younger years, I regarded sleep as a necessary evil, nature's way of thwarting my desire to cram as many activities into a 24-hour day as possible. I frequently flew the red-eye from California, for instance, sailing (or so I thought) through the next day on less than four hours of uncomfortable sleep.

But my neglect was costing me in ways that I did not fully appreciate. My husband called our nights at the ballet and theater "Jane's most expensive naps." Eventually we relinquished our subscriptions. Driving, too, was dicey: twice I fell asleep at the wheel, narrowly avoiding disaster. I realize now that I was living in a state of chronic sleep deprivation.

I don't want to nod off during cultural events, and I no longer have my husband to spell me at the wheel. I also don't want to compromise my ability to think and react. As research cited recently in The New York Times Magazine found, "The sleep-deprived among us are lousy judges of our own sleep needs. We are not nearly as sharp as we think we are."

Studies have shown that people function best after seven to eight hours of sleep, so I now aim for a solid seven hours, the amount associated with the lowest mortality rate. Yet on most nights something seems to interfere, keeping me up later than my intended lights-out at 10 p.m. — an essential household task, an email requiring an urgent and thoughtful response, a condolence letter I never found time to write during the day, a long article that I must read. It's always something.

WHAT'S KEEPING US UP? I know I'm hardly alone. Be-



Studies have shown that people function best after seven to eight hours of sleep, but, the average night's sleep for adults in the U.S. is six and a half hours. What seems to be keeping us awake?

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

tween 1960 and 2010, the average night's sleep for adults in the United States dropped to six and a half hours from more than eight. Some experts predict a continuing decline, thanks to distractions like email, instant and text messaging, and online shopping.

Age can have a detrimental effect on sleep. In a 2005 national telephone survey of 1,003 adults ages 50 and older, the Gallup Organization found that a mere third of older adults got a good night's sleep every day, fewer than half slept more than seven hours, and one-fifth slept less than six hours a night. With advancing age, natural changes in sleep quality occur. People may take longer to fall asleep, and they tend to get sleepy earlier in the evening and to awaken earlier in the morning. More time is spent in the lighter stages of sleep and less in restorative deep sleep. REM sleep, during which the mind processes

emotions and memories and relieves stress, also declines with age.

Habits that ruin sleep often accompany aging: less physical activity, less time spent outdoors (sunlight is the body's main regulator of sleepiness and wakefulness), poorer attention to diet, taking medications that can disrupt sleep, caring for a chronically ill spouse, having a partner who snores. Some use alcohol in hopes of inducing sleep; in fact, it disrupts sleep.

Add to this list a host of sleep-robbing health issues, like painful arthritis, diabetes, depression, anxiety, sleep apnea, hot flashes in women and prostate enlargement in men. In the last years of his life, my husband was plagued with restless leg syndrome, forcing him to get up and walk around in the middle of the night until the symptoms subsided. During a recent night, I was awake for hours with leg cramps that simply wouldn't quit.

BEAUTY REST AND BEYOND

A good night's sleep is much more than a luxury. Its benefits include improvements in concentration, short-term memory, productivity, mood, sensitivity to pain and immune function.

If you care about how you look, more sleep can even make you appear more attractive.

In a study published online in December in the journal BMJ, researchers in Sweden and the Netherlands reported that 23 sleep-deprived adults seemed to untrained observers to be less healthy, more tired and less attractive than they appeared to be after a full night's sleep.

Perhaps more important, losing sleep may make you fat — or at least, fatter than you would otherwise be. In a study by Harvard researchers involving 68,000 middle-aged women followed for 16 years, those who slept five hours or less each night were found to weigh 5.4 pounds more — and were 15 percent more likely to become obese — than the

women who slept seven hours nightly.

Michael Breus, a clinical psychologist and sleep specialist in Scottsdale, Ariz., and author of "The Sleep Doctor's Diet Plan," points out that as the average length of sleep has declined in the United States, the average weight of Americans has increased.

There are plausible reasons to think this is a cause-and-effect relationship.

At least two factors may be involved: more waking hours in homes brimming with food and snacks; and possible changes in the hormones leptin and ghrelin, which regulate appetite.

In a study published in 2009 in The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, Dr. Plamen D. Penev, an endocrinologist at the University of Chicago, and co-authors explored calorie consumption and expenditure by 11 healthy volunteers who spent two 14-day stays in a sleep laboratory. Both sessions offered unlimited access to tasty foods. □

Medicare plan to link cost to performance rankles hospitals

ROBERT PEAR

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WASHINGTON — For the first time, Medicare will soon track spending on millions of individual beneficiaries, reward hospitals that hold down costs and penalize those whose patients prove most expensive.

The administration plans to establish "Medicare spending per beneficiary" as a measure of hospital performance, just like the mortality rate for heart attack patients and the infection rate for surgery patients.

Hospitals could be held accountable not only for the cost of the care they provide but also for the cost of services performed by doctors and other health care providers in the 90 days after a Medicare patient leaves the hospital.

This plan has drawn fire from hospitals, which say they have little control over services provided after a patient's discharge — and, in many cases, do not even know about the services. More generally, they are apprehensive about Medicare's

plans to reward and penalize hospitals based on untested measures of efficiency that include spending per beneficiary.

A major goal of the new health care law, often overlooked, is to improve "the quality and efficiency of health care" by linking payments to the performance of health care providers. The new Medicare initiative, known as value-based purchasing, will redistribute money among more than 3,100 hospitals.

Medicare will begin computing performance scores in July, for monetary rewards and penalties that start in October 2012.

The desire to reward hospitals for high-quality care is not new or controversial. The idea can be traced to a bipartisan bill introduced in Congress in 2005, when Democrats and Republicans were still working together on health care. However, adding "efficiency" is new and controversial, as no consensus exists on how to define or measure the efficiency of health care providers. □

Lockheed attack highlights rise in cyber espionage



This undated picture made available by Lockheed Martin via NASA shows the assembly and testing of the Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle at Lockheed Martin's Vertical Testing Facility in Colorado. Lockheed Martin has admitted it was the recent target of a "significant and tenacious" cyber attack, although the defense contractor and the Department of Homeland Security insist the hack was thwarted before any critical data was stolen.

(AP Photo/Lockheed Martin via NASA)

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lockheed Martin has admitted it was the recent target of a "significant and tenacious" cyber attack, although the defense contractor and the Department of Homeland Security insist the hack was thwarted before any critical data was stolen. But what about next time? With top-secret military programs at stake, staying a step ahead of ever-evolving cyber spies is not just a task for corporate IT departments, it's a matter of national security.

Information security experts say the rash of cyber attacks this year — including a massive security breach at Sony Corp. last month that affected millions of PlayStation users — has emboldened hackers and made them more willing to pursue sensitive information.

"2011 has really lit up the boards in terms of data breaches," said Josh Shaul, chief technology officer at Application Security, a New York-based company that is one of the largest database security software makers. "The list of targets just grows and grows."

Lockheed Martin Corp. said in a statement Saturday that it detected the May 21 attack

"almost immediately" and took countermeasures.

"Our systems remain secure; no customer, program or employee personal data has been compromised," the Bethesda, Maryland-based company said. Neither Lockheed Martin nor federal agencies would reveal specifics of the attack, or its origins. Company spokeswoman Jennifer Whitlow declined to comment further on the case Sunday.

This isn't the first time Lockheed Martin has been targeted. Nearly four years ago, officials revealed that hackers had breached Lockheed's high-tech Joint Strike Fighter program. Officials said that no classified information about the military program was compromised, but heightened protections were added.

Analysts said the latest attack would likely spur rival defensive contractors like Northrop Grumman Corp., Raytheon Co., General Dynamics Corp. and Boeing Co. to take additional steps to safeguard their systems.

"I guarantee you every major defense contractor is on double alert this weekend, watching what's going on and making sure they're not the next to fall victim," Shaul said.

Boeing declined to comment on the company's network security measures. □

Shuttle Endeavour gone for ever from space station

MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — Endeavour and its crew of six left the International Space Station and headed home to close out NASA's next-to-last shuttle flight, pausing just long enough Monday to perform a victory lap and test equipment for a future interplanetary ship.

"Endeavour looks real nice out there," space station resident Ronald Garan Jr. called out.

The space station crew beamed down video of the departing shuttle, the last ever shot of Endeavour in orbit. It was a dark, solitary image against the blue, cloud-covered Earth and grew increasingly smaller.

NASA's youngest shuttle — the baby of the fleet with just

space station, as well as the new platform holding spare parts.

"We're the ones that get to see this incredible view, but you're all with us in spirit, and this is really a new day for science aboard the space station," shuttle commander Mark Kelly told Mission Control.

Endeavour and its crew left behind a space station that now has a mass of 905,000 pounds (410,500 kilograms) and is 100 percent complete, at least as far as NASA's share of the 12-year project. On the fourth and final spacewalk of the mission Friday, the astronauts attached an extension pole and declared the construction effort over.

The Russian Space Agency still intends to add another compartment or two. But the

from all sides.

"We're closing another chapter on the flight," astronaut Andrew Feustel radioed when the experiment ended. He asked if flight controllers got enough data. "We've got a roomful of happy people down here," replied Mission Control.

The lead shuttle flight director, Gary Horlacher, praised Kelly and his crew for their "absolutely flawless" 16-day mission. He wished them "a safe voyage" and said he'd meet them on the runway at Kennedy Space Center.

Kelly promised to see him there, although he noted that stiff crosswind might postpone the touchdown.

Endeavour will aim for a rare middle-of-the-night touchdown. Landing time is 2:35 a.m. (1835 GMT) Wednes-



An image made from NASA Television shows the Endeavour as it does its fly around of the International Space Station Monday May 30, 2011, before returning home on NASA's penultimate shuttle mission. The shuttle is viewed from the Space Station as they pass over Australia.

(AP Photo/HASA)

25 space voyages — is due back in Florida early Wednesday. Its next stop after that will be a museum in Los Angeles for what some consider to be an early retirement. Endeavour undocked close to midnight Sunday, ending 11 1/2 days of joint flight. The two spacecraft were soaring more than 200 miles above Bolivia when they parted.

By the time they were over eastern Europe, the shuttle astronauts could see the \$2 billion (€1.4 billion) cosmic ray detector they installed on the

other partners have all the major items they need already up there for the decade ahead.

Atlantis will make one last supply run to the space station this summer to close out the 30-year shuttle program.

Endeavour's final job in orbit was to provide a platform for a navigation experiment, designed to assist future spacecraft that may fly to an asteroid or Mars one day. The shuttle and its astronauts hung around a few extra hours to accomplish the task, after photographing the station

day.

Just four hours beforehand, Atlantis will begin the three-mile trek from the hangar to the launch pad one last time. Hundreds if not thousands of Kennedy Space Center employees will be on hand for the double-header events. Built to replace the lost Challenger, Endeavour will have racked up 123 million miles (198 million kilometers) by flight's end, beginning with its first journey in 1992, and have circled Earth more than 4,670 times. □



A gas flame burns behind oil field workers Monday, May 30, 2011, in the desert oil fields of Sakhir, Bahrain. Oil prices fell to near \$100 a barrel Monday in Asia as traders mulled Middle East political tension amid light U.S. holiday trading volume.

Associated Press

Oil down to near \$100 in light holiday trading

PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

Oil prices fell to near \$100 a barrel Monday in light holiday trading as investors awaited a decision on OPEC output quotas and mulled the impact of Middle East political tensions. By early afternoon in Europe, benchmark oil for July delivery was down 44 cents to \$100.15 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The benchmark contract added 36 cents to settle at \$100.59 on Friday. In London, Brent crude for July delivery was down 36 cents to \$114.67 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange. Markets in the U.S. are closed Monday for the Memorial Day holiday while it is a bank holiday in England. On Monday, security forces killed anti-government protesters in Syria and Yemen, the latest instances of political violence that has swept the oil-rich region this year. The Libyan rebels' finance minister, Ali Tarhouni, said Sunday that the oil fields located in the eastern half of the country under opposition control will resume production once it's safe to send workers to the fields. He said he did not expect security to be established soon. Before the uprising against Moammar Gadhafi's regime, Libya produced about 1.6 million barrels per day, but output has ground to a halt during the revolt that began Feb. 15. Some analysts expect the

eventual return of Libyan crude production will help push oil prices lower. Capital Economics said it sees Brent trading below \$90 by the end of 2011 as political upheaval in the Middle East and North Africa, which it estimates has added about \$20 to the price of crude, eases. "It seems likely that the stalemate in Libya will be resolved, one way or another, in the coming months," Capital Economics said in a report. "In the meantime, there is no sign of significant disruption to supply from other oil producers, notably Saudi Arabia." Traders also are awaiting next week's meeting in Vienna of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries, wondering whether the group will heed calls for boosting its crude output. □

Fortis to buy Vt. power company for \$470M

NEW YORK (AP) — The Canadian utility Fortis Inc. said on Monday that it will purchase electricity distributor Central Vermont Public Service Corp. for about \$470 million to get a foothold in the U.S. energy market. Fortis will pay \$35.10 per share in cash for CVPS. That represents a premium of \$10.78, or around 44 percent, to the closing price of CVPS shares on Friday. Fortis will also assume the utility's debt of \$230 million. CVPS shareholders and regula-

tory agencies still have to approve the deal, which should happen in six to 12 months, Fortis said. Fortis said it expects to grow in the U.S. and the purchase would add to earnings within the first year. "The acquisition of CVPS represents the initial entry by Fortis into the U.S. regulated electric utility marketplace," said Stan Marshall, president and chief executive officer of Fortis. "CVPS is a well-run utility whose operations are very

similar to those of our Canadian regulated utilities." CVPS provides electricity to two-thirds of the cities and towns in Vermont. It will keep its headquarters in Rutland and act as an autonomous business following the acquisition, Fortis said. Fortis provides gas and electricity to roughly 2.1 million customers in Canada. It said it is that country's largest investor-owned distribution utility and had total revenue in the last fiscal year of about \$3.7 billion.

The Newfoundland-based company said it will have \$13.9 billion in assets when the deal is complete. That represents a 7 percent increase. It will also divide its business into electric and gas utility operations, which will make up 55 percent and 37 percent of the company, respectively, with regulated assets accounting for 85 percent of the total, Fortis said. These holdings include utilities in five Canadian provinces and three Caribbean countries. □



A protester holds a pot with a stencil of Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou and a sign reading "6th day" in front of the Greek Parliament during a peaceful rally for a sixth day, attended by thousands called through a social networking site - modeled on protests by young people in Spain, on Monday, May 30, 2011. Associated Press

as saying Greece could get as much as €70 billion (\$100 billion) more to help its finances through 2013. The help would include larger privatizations but €20 billion (\$29 billion) could also come from fellow eurozone nations. The report failed to help

the euro much, which hovered at \$1.4280, about the same as Friday. "The trials and tribulations of the eurozone periphery remain the center of attention," wrote Mitul Kotecha, analyst at Credit Agricole CIB, in a note to investors. "Markets will likely remain nervous in this environment, and it is difficult to see risk appetite improving to any major degree." In stock markets, Germany's DAX closed down less than 0.1 percent at 7,160.30, while France's CAC 40 ended 0.2 percent lower at 3,942.53. British markets were closed for a bank holiday. Wall Street was likewise to remain shut for the Memorial Day holiday. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average slipped 0.2

percent to close at 9,504.97 as a stronger yen hurt the country's exporters. Many of them are already struggling with power outages and parts shortages in the aftermath of March's devastating earthquake and tsunami. The dollar weakened to 80.85 yen from 80.91 yen. South Korea's Kospi lost 0.3 percent to 2,093.79, while Australia's S&P/ASX 200 shed 0.4 percent to 4,667.50. Hong Kong's Hang Sang was up 0.3 percent to 23,184.32. Benchmarks in Singapore, Taiwan, New Zealand, Thailand and the Philippines also rose. Mainland Chinese shares edged lower on speculation authorities may be preparing to raise interest rates again soon to counter inflation. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index lost 0.1 percent to 2,706.36, after gaining 0.7 percent earlier in the day. The Shenzhen Composite Index of China's smaller, second exchange lost 1 percent to 1,090.50. In the U.S., a key measure of consumer confidence rose unexpectedly this month, helping to boost Wall Street on Friday. The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment index rose to 74.3 in May, above analysts' estimates of 70. Concerns about higher gas prices and inflation knocked the gauge down in March and April. Gas prices have come down in May after reaching nearly \$4 last month, giving a lift to the closely watched measure of how people feel about the economy. That raised hopes that people might be willing to spend more. Benchmark oil for July delivery was down 29 cents to \$100.30 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The benchmark contract added 36 cents to settle at \$100.59 on Friday. □



Markets cautious amid Greek debt woes, holidays

LONDON (AP) — World stock markets mostly dipped on Monday amid concerns about Greece's financial future and low trading volumes due to holidays in the United States and Britain. While most major economies are expected to keep growing, evidence is mounting that many around the world are struggling to expand as fast as they did last year. European governments are struggling with debts and squeezed budgets. High unemployment, depressed real estate and still-high oil prices are slowing the U.S. economy. In China, interest-rate hikes designed to reduce inflation are slowing growth.

In Europe, tensions are high over Greece's debt load and the lack of political agreement over how to reduce it. The EU has said that a cross-party consensus on new austerity measures is vital for the country to get more help. Traders remained wary on Monday, despite reports that European officials are preparing new support measures. Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, a member of the European Central Bank's executive board, was quoted by the Financial Times



A construction worker works on the frame of a new home being built in a housing development on the west edge of town, Tuesday, May 24, 2011, in Las Vegas. New-home sales rose 7.3 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 323,000, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. A healthy real estate market would produce about 700,000 new-home sales a year.

Associated Press

Index expected to show new low in interest in homeownership

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SAN FRANCISCO — The desire to own your own home, long a bedrock of the American Dream, is fast becoming a casualty of the worst housing downturn since the Great Depression. Even as the economy began to fitfully recover in the last year, the percentage of homeowners dropped sharply to 66.4 percent from a peak of 69.2 percent in 2004. The ownership rate is now back to the level of 1998, and some housing experts say it could decline to the level of the 1980s or even earlier. Disenchantment with real estate is bound to swell further on Tuesday when the most widely watched housing index is all but guaranteed to show prices of existing homes sank in March below the lows reached two years ago — until now the bottom of the housing crash. In February, the Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller index of 20 large cities slumped for the seventh month in a row. Housing is locked in a downward spiral, industry analysts say, not only because so many people are blocked from the market — being unemployed, in foreclosure or trapped in homes that are worth less than

the mortgage — but because even those who are solvent are opting out. "The emotional scars left by the collapse are changing the American psyche," said Pete Flint, chief executive of the housing website Trulia. "There was a time when owning a home was a symbol you had made it. Now it's OK not to own." Trulia, a real estate search engine for buyers and renters that is based here, is a hive of renters, including Flint. "I'm in no rush at all to buy," he said. He expects homeownership to decline further to about 63 percent, a level the country first achieved in the mid-1960s. Tim Hebb, a Los Angeles systems engineer, expertly called the real estate bubble. He sold his bungalow in August 2006, then leased it back for a year. Since then, the 61-year-old single father has rented a succession of apartments. "I have flirted with buying again many times over the past few years," Hebb said. "Let's face it; people are not rational creatures." But he always resists, figuring housing is still overpriced and even when it stops declining it will stumble along the bottom for years and years. He says

there is plenty of time to get back in if he should ever want to. The market signaled further trouble on Friday when the April index of pending deals was released by the National Association of Realtors. Analysts had predicted the index, which anticipates sales that will be completed in the next two months, would be down 1 percent from March. Instead, it plunged 11.6 percent. Many of those in the business of building and selling houses believe the current disaffection with real estate will pass. After every giddy boom comes the hangover, they acknowledge, but that deep-rooted desire for a castle of one's own quickly reasserts itself. "There's no question that people are reticent to own," said Douglas C. Yearley Jr., chief executive of Toll Brothers, builder of high-end homes. "They're renting, and they're happy renting because they're scared." Yet those fears will fade, he predicted. "Most people still want the big house with the big lot in the desirable school district in the suburbs. No one ever renovated the kitchen or redid a room for the kids in a rental," Yearley said. "I think — I hope — we'll be OK." □



Sotheby's employees hang Sayed Haider Raza's painting 'Bindu' estimated at 400,000-600,000 pounds (650,000-980,000 US dollars) at Sotheby's auction rooms in London, Thursday, May 26, 2011. The painting will be auctioned in the South Asian Modern and Contemporary Art Sale today, May 31st. (AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

Not all art market prices soaring

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As all the talk of record prices demonstrates, contemporary art has soared in value over the last 10 years, outperforming stocks as an investment and drawing attention to possible bonanzas to be found in the market. But not all boats have lifted with the tide.

Prices for the work of a variety of artists, including some top names like Larry Rivers, Eric Fischl and Francesco Clemente, have declined or stayed flat at auction in recent years, according to data compiled by Artnet, a company that tracks such sales. For example, a Dutch Masters painted cigar box, created by Rivers and valued as high as \$40,000 last year, sold in September for less than \$4,000. Last month Fischl's untitled painting of robed figures in a church sold for \$194,500, \$70,000 less than it fetched six years ago.

And Clemente's "Parabola," a painting Sotheby's had valued as high as \$90,000 a year ago, sold for a third of that in March. Often these are temporary descents. Other works by these artists can still command hefty prices. A Clemente painting estimated at

\$30,000 to \$50,000 at auction this spring sold for \$76,900. Nonetheless, at a time when so much attention is paid to skyrocketing values, the dreary performance of some artists' portfolios is a topic seldom broached. "We in the auction business want to put our best foot forward, so when we get a good price, we make a big fuss about it," said Elaine Stainton, the director of the painting department at the auction house Doyle New York.

"When we have a disappointing sale, we keep our mouths shut." Perhaps nothing in the art world is as mystifying to the layman as the often abrupt changes in works' values. The market's overall ups and downs make sense. And it seems logical that works by old masters act like stable blue-chip stocks, while contemporary art functions like growth stocks: volatile but with a sudden capacity to crown genius and create fortune. But how to explain the cruel backslide of artists whose work escalates, then slips in value? Just as it is difficult to pinpoint precisely why work by some artists rises in value, experts say it can be harder still to explain why some artists' value declines. "There is a constant ebb and flow in art historical reputations," said Jeffrey Deitch, a longtime New York gallery owner who now directs the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. "The reputation of even the greatest figures like Picasso are in flux." Certainly the value of an individual work of art can be affected by its size (bigger is better), condition, provenance

and how recognizable it is, something often referred to as wall power. Andy Warhol, for example, is a premium name brand. This month a silk-screened Warhol self-portrait touched off a bidding war at Christie's before selling for \$38.4 million, well above its high estimate of \$30 million. "Some people like that instant recognizability, that someone can walk into the living room and say, 'That's a Warhol,'" said Mary Hoeveler, an art adviser in New York. Prices can be hurt by negative reviews or if an artist has gone a long time without a major exhibition. And it helps to have work held by a famous collector: high-profile collectors create high profiles for the art they purchase. So it was a setback for the Italian artist Sandro Chia in the 1980s when Charles Saatchi, the British advertising magnate and art collector, bought dozens of his works, then turned around and sold them, depressing the market for Chia's work and damaging his career. "It's an unfortunate truth that some people buy with their ears rather than their eyes — listening to hear who bought what," said Cristin Tierney, who owns a gallery in Chelsea and has consulted for Christie's. "They want to get in on the action. They're not really looking at the work." Then there is the simple rule of supply and demand, that — all other things being equal — paintings by Giorgione, which are rare, might command better prices from some collectors than works by Titian, which are more plentiful. □

William, Kate TV movie being shot in Romania

ALINA MURRAY

Associated Press

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP)

— Barely a month after their fairy-tale wedding, a new film depicting the budding romance of Prince William and Kate Middleton is being rushed out for television viewers.

A mixture of fact and fiction, "William & Kate: A Royal Love Story" is expected to be released in August on the Hallmark Channel.

Director Linda Yellen took some time out from filming at MediaPro Studios in Romania to speak with The Associated Press. The American was also producer of CBS's "The Royal Romance of Charles and Diana" in 1982, a film that had a huge audience at

by millions. Filming began in early May and AP Television cameras were given exclusive access to the set.

Yellen, who met Princess Diana three times, called the movie "a very personal story. In a way, it's my tribute to her as well as a tribute to the young couple."

Yellen, whose father died on the first day of shooting the film, said her loss made her better understand some of the scenes where William communicates with his mother in a spiritual way. She wrote the script in two weeks, after she saw William had given Diana's ring to Middleton.

"The whole story came to me in that moment," she said.

While using real events and words that were told in real



British actress Alice St. Clair, who plays Kate Middleton in the movie "William & Kate: A Royal Love Story", directed by Linda Yellen, which is expected to be released in August on the Hallmark Channel, has her make-up checked on the set in Bucharest, Romania. Barely a month after their real fairytale wedding in London, a new film depicting the budding romance of Prince William and Kate Middleton is being rushed out for television viewers.

(AP Photo/Vadim Ghirda)

the time.

"William & Kate" is more than a romance — it's also "a psychological story of the memory of the mother, in this case Princess Diana, and her legacy," Yellen said. The film shows how William "has to choose to live his life with her memory and with the decisions he has to make," including the decision of whom to marry.

The couple was married April 29 in a lavish ceremony at Westminster Abbey watched

life, there are also dialogues she's written and situations she imagined. One such scene depicts William's 21st birthday party, with Kate and William dancing together as Queen Elizabeth II looks on. Guests are dressed in vividly colored African costumes with tables laid for a feast in a large hall with ornate arcades. There are statues of elephants and potted palm trees in the background as Kate and William are having fun — and falling in love. □

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'Hangover' lingers with record \$105.8M weekend

DAVID GERMAIN

AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Hollywood has hustled up a hangover for the record books. "The Hangover Part II" set a new high for comedy debuts with \$105.8 million over the long Memorial Day weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. The blockbuster sequel also led Hollywood to a new revenue record of around \$280 million for the holiday weekend, according to box-office tracker Hollywood.com. That surpassed the previous record of \$254.6 million in 2007. But factoring in today's higher admission prices, more tickets were sold over the Memorial Day holiday that year than this past weekend. "The Hangover Part II" raised its domestic haul to \$137.4 million since opening Thursday, nearly half the business the 2009 original movie

did over its entire run. The sequel has added \$60.3 million more in 40 countries overseas. "If you can enjoy a hangover, this is one to enjoy," said Dan Fellman, head of distribution for Warner Bros., which re-

movie reunites stars Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms and Zach Galifianakis as they awake in another haze and attempt to piece together the mayhem of their drunken night in Bangkok. Opening at No. 2 behind



In this publicity image released by Warner Bros., from left, Ed Helms, Ken Jeong and Bradley Cooper are shown in a scene from "The Hangover Part II." "The Hangover Part II" set a new high for comedy debuts with \$105.8 million over the long Memorial Day weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday.

(AP Photo/Warner Bros. Pictures)

leases "The Hangover" flicks. "People love these characters. They can do no wrong." The

"The Hangover Part II" was another sequel, DreamWorks Animation's "Kung Fu Panda

2," with \$62.2 million. The first "Kung Fu Panda" did almost the same business in just a normal three-day weekend, but DreamWorks hits tend to have a long shelf life at the box office. "There's no other animation for four weeks. We think we've got a lot of good play time still ahead," said Anne Globe, head of marketing for DreamWorks Animation. "Kung Fu Panda 2" has pulled in \$68 million domestically since its Thursday debut and added \$57 million more in 11 overseas markets, including \$18.5 million in China. The animated sequel again pairs voice stars Jack Black and Angelina Jolie as the menagerie of martial-arts heroes takes on a villain aiming to conquer ancient China using gunpowder and cannons. Slipping from first-place to third in its second weekend was Johnny Depp's "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides," which took in \$50.4 million. The Disney release lifted its domestic booty to \$164 million. The "Pirates" sequel remained No. 1 overseas with

\$137.1 million from Friday to Monday, raising its worldwide total to \$649.1 million. Hollywood's \$280 million haul for the four-day weekend was a huge leap above last year's Memorial Day holiday, when "Shrek Forever After" led with \$57.1 million. Business was up 45 percent from the lackluster 2010 holiday weekend, when revenues came in at just \$192.5 million.

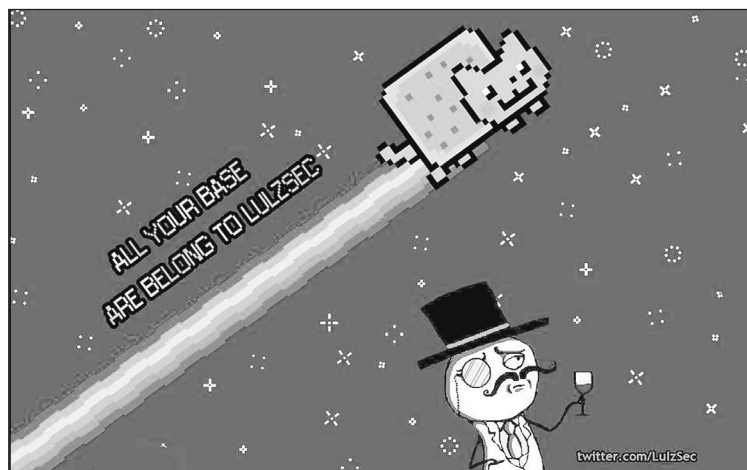
In barely a month, Hollywood has hurtled out of a box-office slide that lingered all winter, when revenues were down as much as 23 percent compared to the previous year's. "Hollywood is back with a vengeance," said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "We always knew there were big movies on the horizon coming to save the day, and it looks like that's what's happening so far this summer." Revenues still are down 8.3 percent compared to 2010's, but studio executives expect to erase that deficit with an upcoming summer lineup that includes "Harry Potter," "Transformers" and "Cars" sequels. □

Hackers post phony Tupac story on PBS website

BRETT ZONGKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — PBS officials say hackers have cracked the public TV broadcaster's website, posting a phony story claiming dead rapper Tupac Shakur was alive in New Zealand, and a group that claimed responsibility for the hacking complained about the network's recent investigative news program on WikiLeaks. PBS confirmed early Monday morning on its official Twitter account that the website had been hacked. The phony story had been taken down as of Monday morning. It had been posted on the site of the "PBS NewsHour" program, which is produced by WETA-TV in



This frame grab of the PBS website shows a screen that appeared Monday, May 30, 2011, as PBS officials confirmed early Monday on its official Twitter account that the website had been hacked.

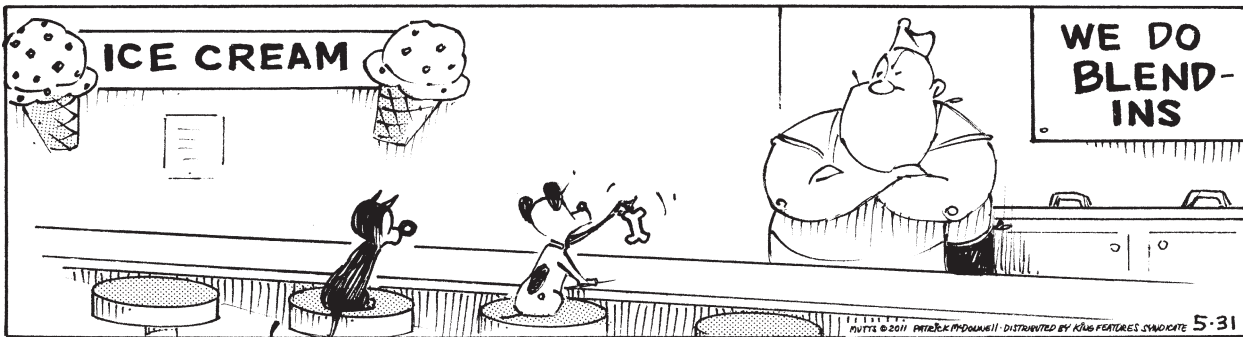
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Arlington, Virginia. The Wikileaks report appeared on a different PBS show, "Frontline." Anne Bentley, PBS' vice pres-

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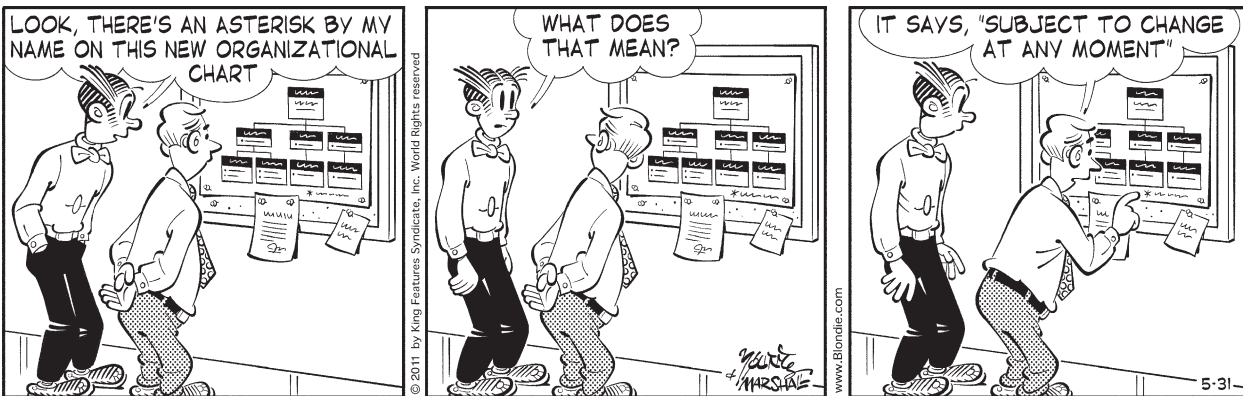


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Snakes on a train terrify passengers in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Railway officials have discovered snakes on a train in Vietnam — highly venomous king cobras in bags under a seat.

Railroad official Pham Quynh says passengers were terrified when four cloth bags containing the writhing cobras were spotted Friday. The snakes were alive but had their mouths stitched shut.

Quynh says the exact number of snakes was

unclear but the bags weighed 100 pounds (45 kilograms).

Security staff removed the cobras, which were likely destined for restaurants in Hanoi.

Their owner apparently escaped in the chaos. Snake meat is considered a delicacy in Vietnam, but cobras are protected by law.

Quynh says the cobras were given to forest rangers who released them into the wild Saturday after no one claimed them. □

Argentina intercepts mailed pre-Inca mummy, skulls

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — The shipping label said the mailed package contained replicas of Peruvian ceramics. An X-ray machine used by customs agents discovered it really held three skulls and a mummy more than 2,000 years old.

Authorities said Friday that the package was intercepted at Argentina's central post office, and an Argentine citizen who was waiting for

the shipment has been detained as part of an investigation into illegal trading in ancient cultural artifacts.

Officials speculated the package would have been relayed to a museum or a private collector in Europe, where such old bones are in demand because of the blankets and other woven material that surround ancient South American mummies. □

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Zelaya anuncia comienzo de lucha por el poder en Honduras

HONDURAS (AP) — A tres días de regresar de su exilio, el derrocado presidente Manuel Zelaya anunció el lunes que ha iniciado la lucha para alcanzar de nuevo el poder en Honduras a través de un frente amplio que agrupará a todos los sectores sociales del país. “Ese frente amplio, similar al que gobierna Uruguay desde el 2005, lo formarán obreros, campesinos, profesionales, indígenas, maestros y estudiantes... y todos abrazaremos la tendencia política del liberalismo del siglo XXI”, dijo Zelaya a la Radio Globo. La coalición Frente Amplio de Uruguay, fundado en 1971, ha ganado las dos últimas elecciones presidenciales, la última con el ex guerrillero

José Mujica. Zelaya dijo que asumió el liderazgo del Frente Nacional de Resistencia Popular (FNRP), que surgió tras el golpe de Estado en su contra en junio de 2009.

“Sin perder su identidad, el Frente hará alianzas políticas con todos los hondureños hasta lograr el poder”, añadió. El frente amplio tendría que estar listo para noviembre

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de 2013, cuando se lleven a cabo aquí las elecciones primarias a fin de escoger los candidatos a los comicios generales de un año después. Pero Zelaya (2006-2009) indicó que “nuestra lucha primaria es por convocar una Constituyente que modifique la ley fundamental par fundar una nueva Honduras”. Los militares lo derrocaron por esa causa. Luego de asegurar que su retorno “es una victoria del Frente y el pueblo hondureño”, señaló que “el golpe de Estado ha significado un fracaso de las derechas de América Latina”. Destacó la gestión del presidente Porfirio Lobo para que él concluyera su exilio en República Dominicana. “Sin la voluntad de Lobo no estaría



El derrocado presidente de Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, durante una conferencia de prensa en Tegucigalpa, Honduras, el sábado 29 de mayo, 2011. Zelaya anunció ayer que ha iniciado la lucha para alcanzar de nuevo el poder en Honduras.

(AP Photo/Eduardo Verdugo)

aquí”, dijo. Lobo se involucró en un proceso de mediación de un mes con sus colegas Juan Manuel Santos de Colombia y Hugo Chávez de Venezuela a fin de que Zelaya fuese repatriado y que Honduras se reincorporara a la Organización de los Estados Americanos, que suspendió a este país centroamericano a causa del derrocamiento del ex mandatario. La OEA discutirá el miércoles en una asamblea general extraordinaria el caso de Honduras y se da por seguro que aprobará su readmisión. Zelaya tiene previsto viajar a su pueblo natal de Catacamas, a unos 300 kilómetros al este de Tegucigalpa, donde des-

cansará unos días.

Su ex canciller Patricia Rodas dijo a periodistas que “con el Frente vamos a una resistencia popular y patriótica... y ya nos preparamos para asumir el poder, con un pueblo organizado para transformar este país”.

Zelaya viajó a Santo Domingo con un salvoconducto que Lobo le otorgó el 23 de enero de 2010, cuando juró como presidente por cuatro años. Regresó el sábado al país luego de firma el Acuerdo de Cartagena de Indias, que aseguró su retorno a Honduras y abrió el camino para que esta nación fuese aceptada de nuevo en la OEA. □

Demandan a Chiquita por pagos a paramilitares colombianos

MIAMI (AP) — Más de 4.000 colombianos entablaron una demanda contra la bananera Chiquita Brands International en Estados Unidos, alegando que, con sus pagos, la compañía financió a los grupos paramilitares de extrema derecha que mataron a sus familiares. Los demandantes sostienen que los pagos significaron en realidad un financiamiento ilegal a los terroristas. Las familias de las víctimas, que presentaron la demanda, dijeron que los muertos eran civiles en su mayoría. La compañía, con sede corporativa en Cincinnati, se declaró culpable en 2007 de car-

gos parecidos y pagó una multa de 25 millones de dólares, pero si esta nueva querrela tiene éxito, los abogados de las familias creen que los demandantes podrían recibir miles de millones de dólares en indemnización.

Los casos presentados en todo Estados Unidos están siendo procesados por un juez federal en el sur de la Florida. Chiquita alega que el juez debería desestimar la demanda porque los grupos paramilitares chantajearon a la bananera para que hiciera los pagos. Ha dicho que sus trabajadores en Colombia eran amenazados con ataques violentos y secuestros si no pagaba. □

Argentina:

Peronistas vencen en dos provincias

ARGENTINA (AP) — El peronismo se impuso en las elecciones a gobernador en la provincia nortea de La Rioja y en la patagónica de Chubut, lo que favorecería a la presidenta Cristina Fernández de cara a las elecciones generales del 23 de octubre. El gobernador de La Rioja, Luis Beder Herrera, obtuvo su reelección en los comicios del domingo con el 67,2% de los votos, superando de forma holgada al radical Julio Martínez. El gobernador riojano respalda a la mandataria peroni-

sta, quien aún no ha anunciado si se presentará a la reelección, aunque su entorno lo da por hecho. Beder Herrera contó con el apoyo del ex presidente Carlos Menem (1989-1999), senador nacional por La Rioja y quien, de ser un opositor de Fernández, pasó a anunciar días atrás su eventual voto para la mandataria, quien está en un cómodo primer lugar en las encuestas. Fernández “es la que está más capacitada para ejercer la presidencia”, señaló Menem, quien pretende renovar su es-

caño en el Senado en las elecciones de octubre y contaría con el apoyo de Beder Herrera para lograrlo. En cuanto a Chubut, el candidato peronista que responde al gobierno nacional, Carlos Eliceche, perdió por apenas 384 votos frente a Martín Buzzi, delfín del gobernador del peronismo disidente Mario Das Neves pero quien según sus allegados políticos podría encolumnarse finalmente con la mandataria. Ello obedece a la crisis interna que sufre el peronismo opositor. □

Producción industrial chilena crece 9,5% en abril

CHILE (AP) — La producción industrial chilena creció un 9,5% en abril en comparación con igual mes de 2010, fuertemente afectado por el terremoto de febrero de ese año, informó el lunes el Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas (INE).

La de abril es la mayor alza en los últimos seis años. Las principales industrias que incidieron en la expansión son la de papeles y productos de papel, metales comunes y derivados de la refinación de petróleo.

El INE informó que en abril también mejoró la demanda externa e interna de productos industriales, cuya variación en los últimos 12 meses registró un incremento de 5,9%.

El instituto precisó que las ventas al por menor del comercio subieron 8,7%, en comparación con abril de 2010 y las de supermercados crecieron 9%.

La producción minera bajó un 0,6% en abril por una menor producción de cobre debido a mantenimientos programados en máquinas de molienda y a una baja de ley del mineral, según el INE, que añadió que los otros minerales metálicos crecieron un 24,2% y los no metálicos un 9,5%. □

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